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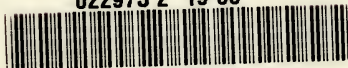
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NEW TESTAMENT SEMINAR OFFERED

The minister will be offering a "New Testament Survey" Seminar in January. The four week session will look at the structure, origins, and context of the New Testament. Evening classes will be Sundays, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M., January 9, 23, 30 and February 6. Morning sessions will be offered Mondays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31. Please register no later than Sunday morning.

TALENT SHOW - CANCELLED

Due to lack of support, the talent show scheduled for January 16 has been cancelled! However, it will be rescheduled later. If interested, please contact Bob Briggs (478-1012) if you have an act.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will meet this Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 A.M. All men are welcome. We are beginning a new topic.

REGIONAL UPDATE

News arrives of two staff changes in the Christian Church in Indiana (our regional level).

Jim Powell, who has worked particularly with regional youth ministry and with the camp-and-conference program, will leave the staff in February. He will move across town to the Board of Church Finance, where he will coordinate development of new congregations.

Will Jewsbury, who has coordinated the Indian Lake retreat facility and directed many camps, will assume more responsibility for the coordination of the camp ministries.

Chuck Babcock, who is currently serving as Senior Minister of Southside Christian Church in Kokomo and has worked with some of our youth in the camp program, will join the staff in 1983, working with the northern churches in the state and with programming for evangelism.

BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, at 7:30 P.M.

SERVING JANUARY 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, B. Briggs, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, J. Franklin-NW, K. Rogers-SE, P. Tobias-NE, B. Wyant, D. Rogers, W. Johnson, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, S. Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney

10:45 A.M. Wes & Mimi Westerfield

ACOLYTES

Denay Ohneck & Jackie Ohneck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mel Busse & Jim Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Becky Stucky

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

379 - Mrs. Carol Falbe

ST. JOSEPH:

453 - Mrs. Ellyn Kreischer

609 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

PARKVIEW:

270 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

452 - Mrs. Ruby Johns

RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK,
CANNED SOUP, TUNA

THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank the young people who sang and also the lovely plant. Also, thank you to the Deborah Group for the lovely fruit plate, cakes, and breads.

Sara Likens

I wish to thank Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger, and Rev. Hamm for their visits while I was hospitalized.

Also, I thank the Come Double Class for the cards and gifts they gave me. I thank God for all of you.

Bob Hendricks

We wish to convey our thanks to the carolers who came by and sang for us, and also our thanks for the lovely poinsettia plant.

Hazel Cleaver & Gladys Hoop

We greatly appreciate the interest and support of many members of First Christian to make our fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration on December 26 an inspiring success.

Henry and Ethel Flowers

NEW STUDY TO BEGIN

The Monday Morning Study Group will be beginning a new study on January 10. We will use the text. "The Heart of Paul", by Ben Campbell Johnson. New persons interested in just this study or in continuing affiliation with the group are invited to come at 9:30 A.M., Monday, January 10, and alternate Mondays thereafter. Each participant purchases his/her own text.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Theologian Joseph Sittler, in an address to the American Guild of Organists, had this to say about the church organist: "How many times have I listened to an organist who has worked hours figuring out the difficult fingering of a Bach toccata and who remained, when he or she played it, unheard and unappreciated. And then the minister gets up to preach and everyone payed clear and excellent attention. And yet he had often spent less time figuring out the exegesis of his text than the organist had spent on the toccata."

The American Guild of Organists has its motto, "solī Deo gloria" -- "To God alone by the glory". Church music's patron saint, J.S. Bach, used to scrawl these words at the top of his compositions.

Certainly this is the spirit in which Jerry Zimmerman goes about providing our organ music. We are fortunate to have Jerry and the instrument he plays. As the preacher, I hear compliments and feedback all the time, and it helps to fuel my effort. I wonder if Jerry gets that kind of feedback for the excellent job he is doing? I hope so, because he deserves it. Knowing this congregation, I suspect he does get it.

See you Sunday.

Love,



MISSING TIDINGS AND BULLETINS

Have you perhaps got a copy of the Tidings Issue dated January 6, 1982, or April 21, 1982 or July 7, 1982? If you do, please call the church office or bring to the office. Also, issues of the bulletin are needed - dates are February 7 and May 9. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

A ladies watch was found in the kitchen about a month ago.

Call the church office 744-3239 to claim it!

SUNDAY'S SERMON

"ARE WE A BUNCH OF OLD BAGS?"
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. New Testament Seminar

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 A.M. New Testament Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

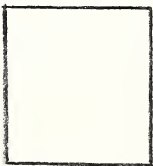
6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Pat
Mullens-4330 S. Harrison

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the
church
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

HEALTH TEST:

Please follow instructions closely! Hold this square close to your face and blow on it.



1. If it turns green, see your physician.
2. If it turns brown, see your dentist.
3. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist.
4. If it turns red, see your banker.
5. If it turns black, see your lawyer and make a will.
6. If it remains the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in Church on Sunday.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

1-2-83

Charles Loeser, 2808 Canterbury Blvd., #2; Tim Burchill, Durham, N.C.; Larry & Jackie Cordier, 1255 Englewood Dr., Mogadore, OH; Losa Smith, 2802 Bellaire Drive.

"Mrs. Joyce Evans, legal secretary and active member of Second Christian Church in Indianapolis, has been named Moderator of the Christian Church in Indiana. Mrs. Evans was elected and installed at the recent assembly of the church held in South Bend. Serving with her as Vice-Moderator will be Dr. John Trefzger, Senior Pastor of First Christian Church in Bloomington. The two will serve as elected leaders of the church until next assembly set for November 2-4, 1984, in Indianapolis.

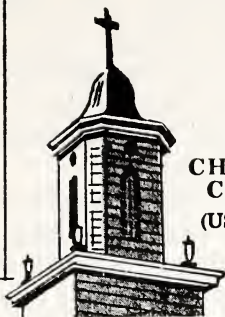
MEMBER FOR PRAYER JAN. 10-16

Myrtle DeVinney (10)
Gwynth Rice (10)
Carolyn King (11)
Julie Cook (11)
Bev Hudlow (13)
Jeanne Feltenberger (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
James Fick (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Loretta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)
Mike Mullen (15)
Jeff Young (15)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Sneden and Sherri Best united with First Christian this Sunday. Mark comes from a United Methodist Church in Michigan and Sherri comes from a Catholic Church in Garrett, Indiana. They will be married at First in April. Seek them out and bid them welcome!

CHOIR PREPARES FOR LENTEN SEASON

If you have been thinking of joining the choir, now is an excellent time to begin. The choir is now beginning to prepare for the Lenten and Easter Season. They meet Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. Director Ann Hayes would be happy to answer any questions you may have (485-9478).

NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

If you did not receive a copy of the recently printed membership directory (blue 8½ x 11), call the church office and we'll see that you get one.

MENNONITE MEN'S CHORUS AT LINCOLNSHIRE

This chorus from Berne, Indiana, will sing at the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren (6404 S. Calhoun) on Sunday, January 16, at 4:00 P.M. They will present a program of sacred music. The public is invited!

NOTE: There will be a Congregational Meeting after Second Worship on January 30 to consider the new By-Laws. The meeting will include lunch.

SERVING JANUARY 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, C. Olson, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, G. Falbe-
NW, R. Krull-SE, B. Kerley-NE, J.
Briggs, B. Briggs, K. Place, M.
Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Dick & Erma Vanderwall

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Tammy Davis

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - J. Franklin

C. Rice - J. Stucky

S. Hayes - E. Conrad

B. Taylor - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mindy Hamm & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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LUTHERAN:

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ST. JOSEPH:

497 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

609 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

PARKVIEW:

270 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gary and Carol Falbe on the birth of a baby girl, named Holly Kristine on 1-1-83. She weighed 7lbs. 15 oz.!

THANK YOU'S

A special thanks to Dick Hamm and Janet Weicker, other visitors and the calls of concern to "Gini", reassurance to her with prayers.

I am now fully aware, there is power in thought and visitation to those in the hospital. A big thank you to Bobby Pauley, Karen Flickinger, Vince Wells, Donna and Bob Johnson and others.

Thanks so much.

Ennis Brown

Special thanks to Laura York, Dick Hamm, Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger and others not mentioned. God bless all of you in His Name. Ethel Allen
TO THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS

Thank you for your cards and visits. Thank you also for the plant. Ethel Allen

FIRST CHRISTIAN BOWLING LEAGUE

has started its 2nd half of bowling as of January 7, 1983. We now have 32 regular bowlers which makes up 8 teams.

We have room for 2 additional teams now or 8 people. We would welcome you if you are interested. We need single bowlers. Call Sam Hayes at 432-3015.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
1-9-83

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, R.R. 4, Box 213, Sullivan, IN; Garnet Ford, 7402 Cold Spring Blvd.; Mr. & Mrs. James Taggart, 1771 Hobson Road.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We had a fine time at my folks. I feel really refreshed and relaxed. How nice to come back to a "full house" in second service Sunday, and to have two more commit themselves to the Church. I feel certain that the Lord is quite pleased with the way things are moving at First Christian Church! Personally, I'm thrilled. This is a great place to be.

You will be interested to know that 21 persons have been added to our church family since September. Also, our average worship attendance has been steadily climbing to about 260. This is moving in the right direction. We have an evangelism goal of 50 new members during 1983. We are "on the grow" again, and along with the Lord, those of you who invite people deserve credit! I am also delighted to see many long time members returning after years of absence. Its great to have you back in the fellowship.

Hope you have a great week. Let's be praying for each other!
See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Thanks to Tony York, Ralph Church, and Bill Johnson for filling in on Sunday while I was gone.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assembly approved a change in the "Procedures" for future Recommendations Committee in that resolutions may still be submitted by any ten members of a Christian Church but now the resolution must also be approved by the governing board of at least one congregation. The other change in the Procedures requires changes to be made by the Regional Board rather than the Recommendations Committee.

The following resolutions were approved:

#8201 - Stewardship of Life - calls for congregations by themselves and in conjunction with others to develop and implement programs supportive of the 1983 outreach priority "Stewardship of Life: ecology, energy, hunger and justice". It also requests the Stewardship Commission to assist in the development and distribution of program resources.

#8202 - Small Congregations - calls for the commendation and continual encouragement of small congregations by asking all congregations in Indiana to celebrate the contributions of the smaller congregations on Pentecost Sunday, May 22, 1983. It also requires that each 1983 issue of the INDIANA CHRISTIAN feature a contribution of small congregations.

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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK, SOUP

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. New Testament Seminar

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 A.M. New Testament Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Jan. 17-23

Myron Cole (17)
Adalee Clifton (17)
Calvin Jones (17)
Walter Williams (17)
Troy Yeoman (17)
Lee Ann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
Jim Jump (18)
Jack Sauerwein (18)
Robert Finkhousen (19)
Twyla Streeter (19)
Val Taylor (19)
Chip Olson (19)
Peggy Buskirk (20)
Kenneth Flesher (20)
Tim Sauerwein (20)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)
Daniel Auer (21)
Jim Plummer (21)
Bob Urlich (22)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Harriett Cole (23)

NEEDED!

Bulletins dated February 7 and May 9. Call the church office if you have a copy.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps are still being saved. There is a box for your used stamps in fellowship hall. Thanks.

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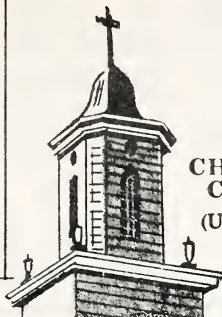
#8204 - Racism - calls for increased understanding of racism through suggested study materials, the reaffirmation of our Church's commitment to human rights, the support of legislation banning racist paramilitary training in Indiana and an increase in support for Reconciliation.

#8205 - Nuclear Arms Freeze - calls for the endorsement of General Assembly Resolution 8129 and the collection of signatures supportive of a nuclear arms freeze.

#8206 - Military Aid to El Salvador - calls for a letter from the Regional Minister to the President and the Indiana Congressional delegation opposing the sale of arms and the presence of U.S. military personnel in El Salvador as well as support for a negotiated settlement of the crisis.

#8207 - Selective Service Registration - calls for continued support for persons struggling with non-violent alternatives within the current registration process and requests two commissions to develop resource material to assist congregations in counseling with youth in their explorations of the alternatives.

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CHOIR PREPARES FOR LENTEN SEASON

If you have been thinking of joining the choir, now is an excellent time to begin. The choir is now beginning to prepare for the Lenten and Easter Season. They meet Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. Director Ann Hayes would be happy to answer any questions you may have (485-9478).

3-D PROGRAM

Now is the time for you to make your commitment to self-improvement in 1983 by signing up for our 3-D group. We encourage you to consider the following points to see if 3-D is for you:

1. I need to loose some weight with a healthy DIET.
2. I'd like to develop more DISCIPLINE in various areas of my life.
3. I need fellowship with other growing Christians.
4. I need an easy-to-follow Bible study to strengthen me.
5. I feel a calling to be a better DISCIPLE of Jesus Christ.

3-D requires a 12 week commitment of your time and effort. The materials require you to forfeit the price of a Big Mac, fries and shake per week. If you are curious about 3-D or are called to make this commitment, please advise the church office or Linda Peterson (evenings---486-3265) right NOW!

PULPIT EXCHANGE THIS SUNDAY

In observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, several neighborhood churches will be exchanging preachers Sunday. The Rev. John Tobian of Calvary Presbyterian will be here at First. He is a native hoosier and has served at Calvary Presbyterian since 1974. Previous to that, he was in Logansport, Indiana. He graduated from Hanover College Princeton Seminary. He received his Dr. of ministry at McCormick.

D.M.A. TO MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, NOON

D.M.A. will meet January 25, Tuesday, at noon for a potluck luncheon. Bring a guest. All are welcome.

MEETING NIGHT TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 - All committees (except Pastoral Relations Committee) will meet at 7:15 P.M. in the sanctuary.

ELDERS MEET THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 7:15 P.M.

SERVING JANUARY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Laura York and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Wilhelm-SW, M.
Hutchinson-NW, J. Briggs, J. Young

10:45 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, E. Con-
rad-NW, M. Mullen-SE, K. Flickinger-
NE, S. Knuckles, N. Lucas, M. Fink-
housen, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Hix, S. White

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Russell & Alice Sturgis

10:45 A.M. Barb Finkhousen & Robin
Diehm

ACOLYTES

Eric Mory & Larry Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mindy Hamm & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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562 - Mrs. Emma Jean Phillips

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

ST. JOSEPH:

- Mrs. Lillian Breeden

PARKVIEW:

329 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

455 - Mrs. Ruby Johns

731 - Mrs. Nellie Roe

RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

Our sympathy is extended to the
family of Art Busse, who died Sat-
urday, January 15.

(con't next column)

SYMPATHY Con't.

Also, our prayers are with
Anna Taylor, long time member
of First now living in Florida,
whose mother died last week.

THANK YOU'S

A special thanks to the fol-
lowing ladies who helped with
the Associated Churches Board
Dinner: Val Taylor, Betty
Grimm, Edna Nordblom, Kathlyn
Banet, Judy Church and Sandy
Zimmerman.

MISSING

Finger symbols and tamborine-
If you have borrowed them
please return to the choir
room as we are going to need
them for upcoming Anthems!

VOLUNTEERS TO BYRON HEALTH
CENTER

Bingo will be the main acti-
vity of the afternoon at the
Byron Health Center on Febru-
ary 14. Items for prizes will
be needed. Suggestions fol-
low for anyone wishing to con-
tribute: gum, hard candy,
mints, combs, kleenex (small
packages) stationery, stamps,
playing cards, shoe shine ma-
terials, deodorants, stuffed
toys, ball point pens, pen-
cils, perfume, etc.

These items can be brought
to CWF meetings in February or
to the church one week prior
to February 14.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

1-16-83

Miss Tiffany Andonian, 914
W. Oakdale Drive.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Next week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is a time both to pray for the unity of Christians the world over and to reflect upon the importance and success of the modern ecumenical movement.

While it is true that few actual mergers between denominations have occurred in the past 20 years, the real fruit of the ecumenical movement is the new spirit of cooperation between various groups. As Disciples, we do our world mission work in cooperation with many other denominations including Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, American Baptists, and others. This saves millions of precious mission dollars. Perhaps even more important, however, are the spiritual, theological, and practical insights we gain through our new close cooperation and fellowship with other Christians.

Personally, I doubt that "one big church" is possible, practical, or desirable, and most people who are part of the ecumenical movement agree. However, cooperation is essential, and many mergers between denominations (such as one involving Disciples and the United Church of Christ) do make sense. Let us continue to pray that all the various groups within the family of Christendom will be led by the Holy Spirit toward greater cooperation, mutual understanding, and where appropriate, mergers.

I know John Tobian will have an excellent message for you Sunday. Have a super week.

Love,

Dick

LEHMAN BOOKS AVAILABLE

Our resident poet, Bruce Lehman, has some copies of Volume I of "Thought Patterns" available. Call Bruce if you would like to have one.

THANK YOU

The family of Arthur Busse wish to thank Dr. Hamm, the Rebecca Group, Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger, and all who offered their prayers and concerns during the recent death of Art.

The Arthur Busse Family

A PLEA FOR HELP

West Creighton Christian Church is helping a couple who recently escaped from Iran. He is enrolled at I.I.T. and she is learning English at Central High. West Creighton is helping with housing, acquiring political asylum, etc. But financial help is needed with housing and school costs until they can get work permits, and jobs. If you would like to help, you may send a gift to the Church Office marked "Iranian Refugees". We'll send it on.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. New Testament Seminar

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 A.M. New Testament Seminar
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

REVELATION STUDY

Women, join us Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 for a new study - "Revelation - the Lamb Who is the Lion." Class begins February 2 for 13 weeks. We will use the above text by Gladys Hunt and the Interpreters Commentary. Call the church office to register and order a book. Books cost \$2.50. Babysitting is available if requested.

Karen Flickinger

DO YOU SING FOR A HOBBY? Starshine Gospel Singers is looking for male singers. If interested call Ann Hayes at 485-9478.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK ITEMS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,
CANNED FRUIT

FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH

Blankets are among the most valuable resources Church World Service provides in time of disaster, because they are so versatile. They can be used as makeshift tents, as partitions in crowded refugee quarters, as totes for whatever possessions a family can salvage after an earthquake, flood, or cyclone.

By buying in bulk from the manufacturer, Church World Service is able to obtain heavy, serviceable wool blend blankets for approximately \$5.00 each. Money for blankets will be collected in CWF groups in February. Anyone may contribute by writing a check to First Christian Church designating it BLANKET!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER JAN. 24-30

Mimi Westerfield (24)
Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Jack Jones (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Deborah Fishring (26)
Metta Stucky (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Greer (27)
Florence Hagar (28)
William Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Jack Bennett (29)
Doris Richards (29)
Betty Farrow (29)
Jayne Bonahoom (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Ulrich (30)

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CONGREGATIONAL DINNER MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The Congregation will be meeting for a potluck dinner after second service and coffee hour. The purpose of the meeting (besides fellowship), is to review and vote on the proposed By-laws. Please bring a meat dish or a vegetable and dessert. Also, bring table service. Drinks provided.

DEACONS & ELDERS TO MEET TOGETHER

There will be a joint deacons & elders meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 7:30 P.M. at the church. The meeting will last just a bit more than an hour. ALL deacons and elders should be present.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Jeff Johnson, who made his confession of faith in December, will be baptized during 10:45 A.M. worship this Sunday. Congratulations, Jeff!

ARX KXS TO SUCCXSS

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcept for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. Thxrx arx 46 kxys that function wxll xnough, but onx kxy not working makxs the diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx an organization is somxthing likx my typx-writxr - not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working proprly. You may say to yoursxlf - "I am only onx pxrson--I won't makx or brxak a program". But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx a church program to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx participation of xach and xvxy mxmbxr.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxxbxx my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in our organization and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

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SERVING JANUARY 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, C.

Olson-NW, B. Briggs, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. L. Finkhausen-SW, K.
Place-NW, B. Wyant-SE, W. Johnson-
NE, M. Hamm, J. Franklin, K. Rog-
ers, D. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
T. York, C. Schnobel

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bill & Mamie Caldwell

10:45 A.M. Ken & Linda Hawkins

ACOLYTES

Mark Zimmerman & Julie Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - M. Callahan

S. Hayes - N. Lucas

L. York - G. Falbe

V. Taylor - K. Flickinger

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Phyllis Tobias & Bill Wyant

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sue Skelton

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LUTHERAN:

777 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

M-317 - J. L. Clausen

ST. JOSEPH:

478 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

609 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

PARKVIEW:

329 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

455 - Mrs. Ruby Johns

731 - Mrs. Nell Roe

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to
Gini Brown whose mother passed
away last Sunday morning in
Louisville, Kentucky.

Also, our sympathy is ex-
tended to Carole Overmyer who
had two cousins die last week.

REVELATION STUDY

Women, join us Wednesday
afternoons at 1:00 for a new
study "Revelation - the Lamb
Who is the Lion." Class be-
gins February 2 for 13 weeks.
Call the church office to re-
gister and order a book.
Books cost \$2.50. Babysitting
available if requested.

Illiteracy has become one
of the leading problems in
our society today. Would you
have an hour or two a week to
devote to teaching an adult
illiterate to read or write?
The Fort Wayne Literacy Coun-
cil is having a Tutor Train-
ing Workshop to train volun-
teers in the Laubach Method
on the following dates: Feb.
22, 24, 25, Mar. 1, 3 & 4 in
the A.M. For further infor-
mation call Ruth Yost - 747-
2817.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

1-23-83

Martha Collins, Pat Andes,
Marjorie Duncan, Helen Shock-
ney.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,
CANNED FRUIT

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The following information has appeared in several newsletters. I share it here for your information.

The question is often asked, "Who needs and who deserves the financial support I am able to give?" Consider these annual budgets and their programs:

Oral Roberts.....	60 million
Armstrongs.....	65 million
PTL Club.....	25 million
Jerry Falwell.....	33 million
C.B.N. (Christian Broadcasting).....	58 million
Billy Graham.....	38 million
Rex Humbard.....	18 million
Robert Schuller.....	11 million

These total \$338 million and support 3 churches, 5 schools, 1 hospital, television and radio ministries and some mission work. COMPARE: THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) TOTAL RECEIPTS in the United States and Canada is \$200 million. THESE FUNDS support the General Offices, 4,362 churches, 4 seminaries, 18 colleges and universities, 1 aid to refugees in over 35 countries, 1 publishing house, 4 home mission centers, 20 aged and children's homes, radio and TV spot announcements, 125 missionaries in 22 countries, and 82 transfers into church membership each day.

I do not begrudge or resent any good which comes from television and radio ministry, although it is very difficult to measure how much good such ministries do. I do think we have to be impressed with how much is accomplished through local Disciple congregation's and through our mission dollars. Its worth thinking about.

I missed you Sunday. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30 A.M. New Testament Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at the church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Deacons & Elders Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH

Blankets are among the most valuable resources Church World Service provides in time of disaster, because they are so versatile. They can be used as makeshift tents, as partitions in crowded refugee quarters, as totes for whatever possessions a family can salvage after an earthquake, flood or cyclone.

By buying in bulk from the manufacturer, Church World Service is able to obtain heavy, serviceable wool blend blankets for approximately \$5.00 each. Money for blankets will be collected in CWF groups in February. Anyone may contribute by writing a check to First Christian Church designating it BLANKET!

VOLUNTEERS TO BYRON HEALTH CENTER

Bingo will be the main activity of the afternoon at the Byron Health Center on February 14. Items for prizes will be needed. Suggestions follow for anyone wishing to contribute: gum, hard candy, mints, combs, kleenex (small packages) stationery, stamps, playing cards, shoe shine materials, deodorants, stuffed toys, ball point pens, pencils, perfume, etc.

These items can be brought to CWF meetings in February or to the church one week prior to February 14.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER FEB. 1-6

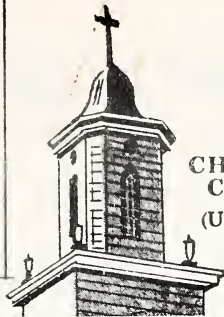
James Sands (1)
Muriel Blitts (2)
Anita Fitch (2)
Eric Mory (2)
Patricia Erdly (3)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Wanda Ingmire (4)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)
Emma Jean Phillips (6)
Susan Knuckles (6)
Stan Horine (6)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sam and Nancy Smith transferred their membership to First Christian Church Sunday from First Christian Church of Frankfurt, IN. They have two children, Betsy and George. They live at 4046 Wayne Trace, 46806, 447-9679. Seek them out and bid them welcome!

YOUTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The youth of our church will be taking over all responsibilities in worship this Sunday. Come and support our youth and have a significant worship experience.

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

The Property Committee is investigating the possibility of offering bus transportation to members. If bus transportation was offered, would you use it? If yes, please call the church office and give your name and how often you would likely use it. Thank you.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:30 P.M.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 P.M.

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SERVING FEBRUARY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, V. Brown-
NW, J. Briggs, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, J.
Jump-NW, B. Briggs-SE, K. Place-
NE, P. Tobias, P. Mullen, G. Falbe,
R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, B. Haines

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jefferson Young

10:45 A.M. Donna & Bob Johnson

ACOLYTES

Sara Mullen & Tracy Kiessling

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Sue Skelton

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

ST. JOSEPH:

478 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

A Lenten mailer will be going to the surrounding neighborhood the week of February 13. In an effort to save money, volunteers are needed to assist in various phases of getting it ready to mail. **YOUR TIME IS NEEDED DAY OR NIGHT THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 THROUGH 12!!!!!!** Please call the church office, 744-3239, or Judy Church, 447-5691 to indicate your willingness to help.

THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank Rev. Hamm, Janet Weicker and Karen Flickinger for their calls, visits, and prayers during my recent illness.

Also thanks to those who sent cards, notes and calls.

It is a blessing to be a member of First Christian.

Mary Higgins

Our thanks to all who submitted titles for our new pictorial directory. Myron Cole's theme "Portraits of Love" was chosen. A special thanks to Myron.

NOTICE

There has been quite a lot of unidentifiable monies given recently. If you are not using your own envelopes, and are using one from the pews, please write your name on the outside of the envelope if you want to receive credit. I have no way of knowing who may have given the money since I do not see the checks or cash from Sunday. This will help save many errors now being made. Thank you.

Diane Johnson

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-30-83

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Price; Mr. D.R. Riggerbach, 442 W. DeWald; Mr. Scott Bowker, R. R. 2, Churubusco, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Its been a real thrill to teach the New Testament Seminar. Total attendance in the two sessions has been about 35. I'm delighted to see so many who are interested in Biblical studies!

The Associate Search Committee will be looking at a new group of candidates in a week or so. I'll be doing some interviewing on C.T.S. campus during a two day pastor's conference this week. The process takes time as we want a well qualified candidate with a strong sense of calling and a desire to remain on staff here for several years. We are sure the Lord will lead us to a good choice. I personally hope to have someone on board by June. In the meantime, we'll just have to do the best we can. I appreciate everyone's support and help during this busy "short-handed" time.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

PANTRY REPORT FOR 1982

Do you ever wonder how much the food bank at First Christian really accomplishes? Well, note the following:

Total persons served in 1982 - 764

Number of meals served - 9,636

Besides food contributions which come from First Christian and other neighborhood congregations, \$1,630.00 was contributed for the purchase of food.

This is a highly significant contribution to the needs of the city. 1983 will likely be an even higher volume year given the growing number of unemployed. Thanks to Val Taylor and her helpers for carrying out this important ministry. Thanks also to the many who contribute food and money for the Pantry/Food Bank.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. New Testament Seminar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at MCL
Cafeteria at Southtown
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Phyllis
Tobias, 10719 U.S. 27
S., Lot 50

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the
Church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 P.M. Youth leaves for ski
trip

SHARE THE WEALTH

Many of us receive newsletters from other churches. If you see articles or items that you think might be useful to "Tidings", please clip them out and give them to the minister or drop them off in the office. Thanks.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT

YOUTH TAKE NOTICE

Those youth taking part in Sunday's worship service will have a practice session Saturday, 10:00 A.M. at the church.

C.Y.F. SKI TRIP

Our high school youth will be going skiing February 11 & 12. They will leave the church at 6:30 Friday evening and return Saturday night. They will lodge at Barbee Christian Campground Friday and ski in Cannonsburg. There will be no CYF meeting, Sunday, February 13. If you would like to go, call Wayne Johnson at 744-3670.

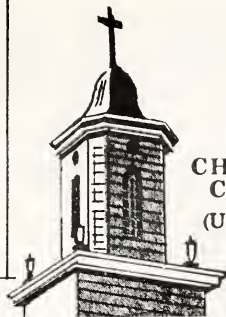
A parent is needed to drive on Friday to Barbee (no Saturday driver needed). Call Wayne if you can drive.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Feb. 7-13

Florence Griffith (7)
Elinor Place (7)
Nita Wilson (7)
Betty Harter (9)
Sharon Knuckles (9)
Steve White (9)
Kenneth Place (10)
Heather Jenkins (10)
Marvin Crouse (11)
William DeVinney (12)
Christopher McDougale (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

This years Regional Retreat for High School youth will be in Evansville, Indiana. The church bus will be going. The dates are Friday, April 8 - Sunday, April 10. Registration including meals and lodging is \$25.00.

The bus will leave about noon Friday and return about 7:00 P.M. on Sunday. This is always a great event. To register, call Tony York this week, 4:30-6:00 P.M. or 9:45-10:30 P.M. All high school youth are welcome.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE COUNSELORS NEEDED NOW

Even though it only February, this is the time we need to hear from those who are interested in volunteering a week of their summer for the important work of camp and conference counseling. Please contact the church office if you can do this. We need several counselors from First Christian since we'll be having so many youth in attendance this year! Thanks in advance.

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

The Property Committee is investigating the possibility of offering bus transportation to members for worship. If bus transportation was offered, would you use it? If yes, please call the church office and give your name and how often you would likely use it. Thank you.

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SERVING FEBRUARY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. William Franklin and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Stucky-
NW, M. Hutchinson, M. Wilhelm
10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, N. Lucas-
NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, M. Crouse-NE,
M. Callahan, E. Conrad, M. Mullen
K. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson, M. Crouse

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm
10:45 A.M. Ken Taylor and Barb
Finkhousen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Hartman - B. Briggs
- R. Flickinger

S. Hayes - J. Briggs
Wm. Johnson - M. Hamm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Virginia Brown & Ken Place

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Tammy Davis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

M. Hutchinson & M. Hartman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

ST. JOSEPH:

478 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

494 - Mrs. Viola Gaskill

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, P-
NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

HELP NEEDED!!!

We are beginning preparations for a Maundy Thursday Drama. If you would be willing to assist in making costumes or in doing make-up, please contact Laura York at 447-1284.

Thank you.

BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

We need persons to bake communion bread(the round loaves). If you are interested, call Betty Briggs who has a recipe, or call the church office.

Thank you.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 the CHI-RHO will be having a bake sale during coffee hour. The money will be used for a week-end retreat at Camp Barbee.

If you would like to donate some baked items for this - it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your support.

Chi-Rho

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
2-6-83

Mr. Michael McFarland, 6001 Bunt Drive; Myron Settlemyre, 273 Commercial St., Roanoke, IN; Miss Leontine Wittwer, 7103 Ideal Avenue; Mr. Mark Callahan, Battle Creek, MI; Mike Mays, 4221 Gretna.

**WATCH FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE
MAY GARAGE SALE!!! DON'T
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UNTIL MAY!!!!!!!**

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How proud we all are of our youth! They took the responsibility of leading worship very seriously, and consequently everyone truly had a worship experience. My thanks to youth sponsors Betty Briggs, Diane Mory, and Wayne Johnson for their time and effort. It was really a delight working with our young people.

Lent will begin soon and, as reported elsewhere, you will be receiving a Lenten mailer. There will be much special music and a special sermon series on "The Beatitudes". I do hope that each of you will take it upon yourself to invite your unchurched friends and family. I feel this sermon series will be significant for all of us who need to grow spiritually. For me, the Beatitudes are the very heart of Jesus's teaching. You'll find them in Matthew's fifth chapter. This series will begin February 20.

I hope we'll be needing the balcony before Easter!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

D.M.A. February 15

The Don't Mention Age group will meet for a potluck and program on Tuesday, February 15. The program will feature slides of the Hamm's journey to India. Please bring a meat dish or a salad/vegetable and dessert. (Oh, bring a guest, too!).

LENTEN MAILING COMING

All members will soon receive a special Lenten Mailing. It suggests several positive ways in which we can observe Lent and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Please read the material carefully and participate fully in the suggested activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S TEACHER'S MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 P.M.

New quarter's curriculum will be studied and plans made. Attendance is urgent.

ASSOCIATE SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING, 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers
Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Feb. 14-20

Arlynn Call (14)
Gene Bozarth (14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Robert Neal (14)
Gary Overmyer (14)
Tony Evans (14)
Brett Lucas (15)
William Howard (15)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Karen Rogers (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Donald Crouse (19)
Romane Cole (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)

"But Pastor,.....

I don't have enough time for church."

If you think you don't have enough time for church activities or that your church asks too much of your time, consider this:

In an average life of 70 years a person will spend:

24 years sleeping

14 years working and going to school

8 years in amusements

6 years in eating

5 years in transportation

4 years talking

3 years reading

3 years being sick and convalescing, and if you spend 2½ hours EVERY SUNDAY in church school and worship; and if you spend another hour EVERY WEEK of your life in some other related church activity, you will have invested a grand total of ---- 10 MONTHS OF YOUR LIFE IN CHURCH.

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If we resent the time which we or members of our family give to the church, it is due to the value we give it and not the actual time it requires of us.

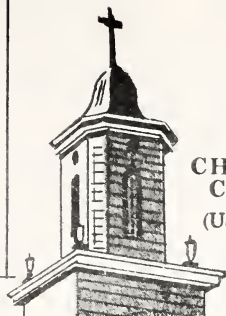
From Huntington F.C.C. Newsletter

This Sunday's Sermon is entitled "Yellow Ribbons". The text is John 3:16-17. In preparation, reflect upon how God expresses his love for you each day. What major events or particular points in your life have been occasions when God expressed His love for you in some way, and in what way? What keeps us from seeing and understanding God's expressions of love for us for what they are?

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

A weekly spiritual growth group is presently being pulled together by Bruce Lehman. The exact nature of the group will be fully determined only after the participants have had their input. But will be an opportunity for mutual support and accountability toward study, growth, and Christian action!

If you are interested, you may call Bruce Lehman (432-3825) or the church office.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

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SERVING FEBRUARY 20

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Laura York

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. D. Rogers-SW, J. Jump-NW, J. Franklin-SE, M. Hamm-NE, K. Rogers, P. Tobias, B. Wyant, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ruth & Paul Yentes

10:45 A.M. Emma & Schellie Schell

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Virginia Brown & Ken Place

ACOLYTES

Denay & Jackie Ohneck

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

ST. JOSEPH:

478 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

MOVING TOWARD HEALTH

How about preparing your body to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with new life within yourself? Bob and Sharon Pauley will lead a class starting this Sunday evening at 5:30 on renewing your physical aliveness. The class will include stretching, walking, jogging or running, relaxing, healthful diet, good health habits and spiritual growth. The class fee of \$10.00 will include the text: The Joy of Good Health. Call Bob or Sharon for more information at 745-0925.

THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank Rev. Hamm, Janet Weicker, and Karen Flickinger and visitors for their prayers and visits during my many hospital stays.

Also, to thank all the persons for their prayers and cards. Lillian Breeden

I wish to thank Dr. Hamm, Janet Weicker, and Karen Flickinger and others for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital, also many thanks for the lovely Get Well Cards. Ruby Johns

I wish to thank the Rebecca Group for sending cards to me. Mabel Cross

Be sure to drop into the Parlor to see the new couch & tables. These were donated by Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman and really add the final touches!

Thanks alot!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

2-13-83

Mrs. Josephine Morton & Family, 531 Dori Lynn Drive; Mrs. Lupe Reina, Ruth & Janis & Family, 2510 Miner; Miss Laura Smith, Box 9065, Mrs. Julie Mitchell, 116 E. Maple Grove.

LENTEN SHOWER SOUGHT

As a part of our preparation for Easter, every member was asked to take part in a "Lenten Shower" of names of persons who should receive an invitation to First Christian's worship services and other programs. Please return the cards no later than this Sunday (you may put them in the plate during worship if you wish). Thank you.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us. As the recent mailer announces, I will be beginning a series of sermons on the Beatitudes. You will find them in Matthew's 5th chapter. These are central to Jesus' teaching, yet due to translation problems, the english is a bit cloudy. We'll clarify the meaning beginning this Sunday. I do hope you will bring a guest with you.

Here are some additional ways you might choose to observe Lent:

1. Join the Choir and share in strengthening worship seven Sundays.
2. Personally invite a family member, neighbor, friend, or some other person to worship with you each week.
3. Establish a 30 minute period per day for quiet, prayer, Bible and reflective reading.
4. Visit some person ill, lonely, or aged each week.
5. Fast for one meal per week or one day each week and use eating time for prayer and make gift of food costs to Week of Compassion.
6. Join a Church School Class and participate seven Sundays.
7. Worship all seven Sunday mornings of Lent.
8. Try tithing 10% of income for seven weeks.
9. Engage in a daily Intercessory Prayer Covenant with another person during Lent.
10. Meet one person whom you do not know by name each Sunday in the Narthex.
11. Write one "Thank you" letter each week.
12. Relate in depth to a widow or older person and help with needs and personal fulfillment during Lent.
13. Your special challenge for Lent --

I look forward to seeing you Sunday. It is my hope and prayer that this will be a most significant season for us all!

Love,

Dick

CAMP AND CONFERENCE COUNSELORS NEEDED NOW!

Even though it is only February, this is the time we need to hear from those who are interested in volunteering a week of their summer for the important work of camp and conference counseling. Please contact the church office if you can do this. We need several counselors from First Christian since we'll be having so many youth in attendance this year! Thanks in advance.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

The Chi Rho would like to thank those people who donated baked goods to the bake sale. Also, to those people who supported us. We made \$80.00. The money will be used on a week-end retreat at Camp Barbee February 25-27.

LENTEN SEMINAR TO BE OFFERED

On Sunday, February 27, March 6, and March 31, Dr. Hamm will offer a Seminar - "The Life of Jesus". The three sessions will be 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. at the church. Bring your Bible, of course. We will look closely at the events that occurred in this most important of all lives. Please register by calling the church office or on the Silent Roll Call, this Sunday!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The Week of Compassion is a great opportunity for us to share in disaster relief and the eradication of hunger around the world. Our gifts may be used to assist flood victims (they did in Fort Wayne last year) or earthquake victims or victims of drought in the Sahel of Africa. None of these funds are used to support any controversial causes. It is simply an opportunity for those of us who have to share with those who have not. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use Sunday. Be sure to mark your gift "Week of Compassion" if you mail it in.

Thank you!

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MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Feb. 21-27

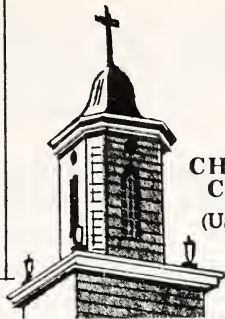
Margaret Jenkins (21)
Walter Bowen (22)
Steven Hall (22)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barbara Mettler (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Ron Flickinger (25)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Cathy Katt (26)
Homer Stevenson (26)
Bette Jones (27)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, OATS, NOODLES

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

A weekly spiritual growth group is presently being pulled together by Bruce Lehman. The exact nature of the group will be fully determined only after the participants have had their input. But will be an opportunity for mutual support and accountability toward study, growth, and Christian action!

If you are interested, you may call Bruce Lehman (432-3825) or the church office.

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MOVING TOWARD HEALTH

How about preparing your body to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with new life within yourself? Bob and Sharon Pauley will lead a class starting this Sunday evening at 5:30 on renewing your physical aliveness. The class will include stretching, walking, jogging or running, relaxing, healthful diet, good health habits and spiritual growth. The class fee of \$10.00 will include the text: THE JOY OF GOOD HEALTH. Call Bob or Sharon for more information at 745-0925.

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SERVING FEBRUARY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
William Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, V. Brown-
NW, B. Kerley, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, E. Klep-
fer-NW, J. Stucky-SE, E. Conrad-NE,
P. Mullen, R. Krull, K. Place, M.
Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. White, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Anne Lee & Jeff Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ludwig - M. Finkhousen

R. Church - L. Finkhousen

B. Pauley - Wm. Wyant

B. Taylor - K. Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Mullen's

ACOLYTES

Krista Rogers & Amy Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

476 - Mr. Leland Higgins

M-317 - Mr. J. L. Clausen

ICC - Mrs. Doris Richard

ST. JOSEPH:

478 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, POW-
DERED MILK, NOODLES

SYMPATHY'S

Rosemary Krull's father died
in Morocco, Indiana on Satur-
day.

Bob Pauley's brother, Gene,
died last week in Parkersburg,
W. Virginia.

CONGRATULATION'S

Gloria & Stan Horine are the
proud new parents of Matthew
Allen born February 16. Con-
gratulations!

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to the twenty-
five volunteers who assisted
in preparing the Lenten neigh-
borhood mailer. We have al-
ready had several responses to
this mailer and hope to have
more during the coming weeks!

Steve Creager will leave for
the military service next week.

Our prayers go with him.

SOFTBALL NUTS NOTE!

Hey! We're in a church lea-
gue this summer, men! We will
probably play Tuesday nights.
More information later, but
get those gloves and bats lim-
bered up! We'll play with a-
bout 20 other churches (and no
bars or factories!).

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
2-20-83

Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Jessica
VanWormer, 6306 Mayfair; Brett
Staton, 2602 Green View; Mrs.
Sherry Parker, 3270 Oakview,
Aurora, ILL.; Mrs. Jeanne
Schmidt, 106 Dunbar Lane; Miss
Kay Harris, 2018 Ardmore #93;
Mrs. Diana Miller, 5319 Fair-
field; Miss Joy Miller, OH.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I had some really helpful and interesting conversations with people after the sermon I preached Sunday. No one "attacked" me, but several were stimulated to share their own perspectives and some very helpful reflections. That's great! Dialogue is so important in the Christian community. Preaching has a valuable function, but it does tend to be a monologue unless the hearers take it upon themselves to think about and discuss with the preacher and others what they hear. No preacher has a corner on truth or perspective, of course, and it is vital for the preacher to hear what he or she has said as it was heard by the listeners. I appreciate the opportunity to discuss such matters. Give me a "buzz" whenever you feel moved to do so.

This Sunday's sermon will be the second in the series on the Beatitudes. It is entitled "Mourning that Leads To Joy". Read Matthew 5:1-4 in preparation.

We are experimenting with the location of the choir during Lent. Please share your positive or negative impressions with me or Delores Keebortz, worship chairman.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

More refugees -- this time west Africa.

Expelled from Nigeria, up to 2 million persons, half from Ghana. People left Nigeria in near panic. Refugee camps created overnight on Benin-Togo border, along coast, in Ghana and Niger.

Church World Service immediately sent by fast cargo ship requested clothing and blankets, forwarded \$5,000 for immediate purchase supplies & appealed to denominations for \$250,000 for food, medicines, other forms of aid.

Week of Compassion will send \$15,000. Will your offering help?

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. "The Life of Jesus" -
Seminar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Genevieve
Ripple's, 3405 Central
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Feb. 28-Mar. 6

Liz Johnson (28)
Tim Briggs (28)
J. W. Lehman (28)
Barb Busse (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Gerald Zimmerman (1)
Bueford Tharp (1)
Marjorie Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Linda Peterson (5)
Bill Johnson, II (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR YOUTH FORMING

If you are a youth interested in the possibility of joining the church, please contact Dr. Hamm. A class will be formed of those interested so that those who wish may join on Easter Sunday. The class will consist of three sessions on Saturdays, March 5, 12 & 19, 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Call Dr. Hamm or the office this week at 744-3239.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR ADULTS

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LUTHERAN HOSPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT

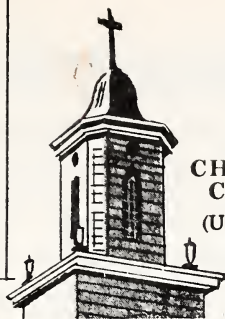
The Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary is opening a second-hand, thrift shop in March. Called, The Second Time Around Shop, it will be located in the former donut shop at the corner of Fairfield and Kinnaird. The shop will be totally operated on a volunteer basis; goods sold will be obtained primarily through donations from the community.

In preparation for the opening, the Auxiliary is accepting donations of paper and plastic bags, clothing (in good condition and sized), small household items and appliances, toys and games, and books and records. All donations are tax deductible.

Prior to the opening, donations may be dropped off at the shop between 9:30 and 5:00 P.M., on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays: February 15, 17, 22 and 24. Then beginning in March, donated items will be accepted during shop hours -- Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

All proceeds will be returned to Lutheran Hospital for construction and renovation projects and equipment purchases.

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CHI RHO RETREAT THIS WEEK-END

Our junior high youth will be at Barbee Camp for a retreat Friday-Sunday. Diane Mory and Betty Briggs are sponsors. Bruce Lehman and Doug Rogers will also provide leadership.

BOARD MEETING CHANGED - This month's Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, instead of Tuesday, March 8. The Agenda will include interview of a candidate for Associate Minister.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. - All men are invited. We are beginning a study of Mark.

SERVING MARCH 6

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Laura York and
Bob Pauley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M.
Wilhelm-NW, J. Young, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, S.
Knuckles-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, N.
Lucas-NE, M. Crouse, L. Finkhousen,
B. Wyant, W. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
C. Schnobel, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M. Dick & Erma Vanderwall

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ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Eric Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ellyn & Dave Kreischer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

568 - Mrs. Maude Donahue
637 - Mrs. Doris Richard
477 - Mr. Raymond Sarrazin

ST. JOSEPH:

535 - Mr. Arza Smith

PARKVIEW:

325 - Mrs. Lea Jackson

THANK YOU'S

We wish to thank everyone in
First Christian Church, who called
on me, for their cards and prayers.
We know that you care and it means
so very much.

Ralph & Helen Reynolds

OLDER ADULTS TAKE NOTE

There is a program at Christ
United Methodist Church called
"Southside Learning Adventur-
es." The program consists of
short term (2 months) classes
in many areas including water-
color and oil painting, chair
caning, yoga, ceramics, gar-
dening, writing, bridge, mac-
rama, enamel jewelry and need-
lecraft. If you are interes-
ted, please call the church
office immediately, as regis-
tration is now underway. Clas-
ses begin March 1 in many
cases.

WANTED

Good clean used toys for the
Nursery. If you have any,
please bring them to the
church! Thanks.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mrs. Kathryn Cullen, 421 W.
Fleming Ave; Mr. Dan Wintrode,
3018 Dexter Rd.; Miss Julie
Frick; Naomi Pollitt, 3105
Whitegate; Mr. & Mrs. Bradley
Winans, 427 W. Branning Ave.;
Mr. Walter Benz, 324 S. Cor-
nell Circle.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS, P-
NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, CANNED
FRUIT.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Its been great to see so many new faces in worship the last two Sundays! We had 287 in worship this Sunday. Obviously, some of you are doing your job as inviters!

There have been several requests for copies of the last two sermons (that feels good!). I think we will print up the whole series for those who are interested, The series will last till a Sunday or two after Easter, so it will be mid-April before its available.

Do pray for the Board and for our candidate for associate ministry, that the Spirit will lead everyone to the right decisions. The congregation will have the opportunity to meet, ask questions, and vote on any candidate recommended by the Board.

I want to commend the congregation for your high level of stewardship. Due to your giving since January 1, we have nearly wiped out our operating deficit! It is truly inspiring to see you come alive and to demonstrate your faith in this church and its leadership, and, most importantly, your faith in God. We will certainly be on solid financial ground by the time an associate arrives. There's no question in my mind.....God has great plans for First Christian Church!

Hope you have a great week - start thinking "peas and potatoes"!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Someone shared the following "Worrier's Prayer" with me. It's good stuff:

"SLOW ME DOWN, LORD! EASE THE POUNDING OF MY HEART BY THE QUIETING OF MY MIND. STEADY MY HURRIED PACE WITH THE VISION OF THE ETERNAL REACH OF TIME. AMIDST THE CONFUSION OF MY DAY, GIVE ME THE CALMNESS OF THE EVERLASTING HILLS. BREAK THE TENSIONS OF MY NERVES AND MUSCLES WITH THE SOOTHING MUSIC OF THE SINGING STREAM THAT LIVE IN MY MEMORY.

HELP ME TO KNOW THE RESTORING POWER OF SLEEP. TEACH ME THE ART OF TAKING "MINUTE VACATIONS"...OF SLOWING DOWN TO LOOK AT A FLOWER, TO CHAT WITH A FRIEND, TO READ A FEW LINES FROM A GOOD BOOK, AND TO TALK WITH YOU. REMIND ME EACH DAY THAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN SPEED.

LET ME LOOK UPWARD INTO THE BRANCHES OF THE MIGHTY OAK AND KNOW THAT IT GREW GREAT AND STRONG BECAUSE IT GREW SLOWLY AND WELL. SLOW ME DOWN, LORD AND INSPIRE ME TO SEND MY ROOTS DEEP INTO THE LASTING VALUES OF YOUR WORD THAT I MAY GROW TO BECOME THE GREATER PERSON THAT YOU WANT ME TO BE. I ASK THIS IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN."

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 A.M. Membership Class for
YOUTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Membership Class for
ADULTS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. "The Life of Jesus" -
Seminar

MONDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Atz's
on Tillman Road

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the
church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

The Associated Churches Annual Meeting will be Sunday, March 13, 6:00 P.M., at First Presbyterian Church. The meeting will begin with dinner. The cost is \$5.00. If you are interested in attending and representing First Christian, please call the church office.

Ken Place & Betty Harter are retiring this week: Ken from General Electric, Betty from Lincoln Life.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 7-13

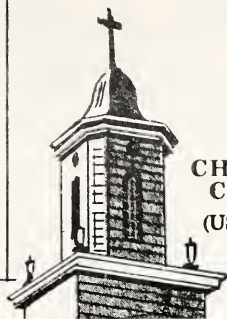
Robert Orr (7)
Cora Harnish (7)
Elizabeth Flesher (8)
Jerry Warner (8)
Vada Tatman (8)
Rex Alan Clifton (9)
Richard Dobson (10)
Kathleen Simon (10)
Kevin Mory (12)
Florence Palmer (12)

SERMON SUNDAY: "ON SEEING
OURSELVES AS WE REALLY ARE".
Matthew 5:1-5, Luke 18:9-14.

PRAYER COVENANT PARTICIPANTS DURING LENT: Nena Lucas, Iva Imbody, Paul Waugh, Evelyn Yeoman, Bert Leversee, Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Glenn Miller, Nancy Wyant, Judy Church, Dorothy Schmidt, Jim Jump, Gladys Hoop, Mary Cook, Thelma Haxton, Delores Overmyer, Kristy & John Ohneck, Becky Stucky, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lehman, Emma Schell, Ruth Plummer, Sandra Zimmerman, Carole Overmyer, Pat Mullen, Susan Knuckles, Ruth Yost, Phyllis Tobias, Orda Glentzer, Donna Byers, Gini & Ennis Brown, Beulah Timmons, Ralph Church, Reba Fusselman, Janet Weicker, Ruth & Paul Yentes, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Bill DeVinney, Bruce Lehman, Mary Wilhelm, Charles & Jewell Byrket, Hazel Cleaver, Mindy Hamm, Esther Whitton, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Ken Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Taylor, Dave & Ellyn Kreischer, Ruby Mowery, Barb Finkhousen, Opal Carper, Marilyn Byers, Coleen Wilcoxson, Kenneth & Elinor Place, Bill Franklin, Delmas Young, Lois Finkhousen, Fern Strole, Amelia Dare, Schellie Schell, Ethel Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager, Pearl Heidecker, Jerry Warner, & Mr. & Mrs. David Claypool, & Mr. John Cohrs.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our fellowship. Mrs. Kathryn Cullen comes by transfer from Trinity English Lutheran. She lives with her husband at 421 W. Fleming Avenue, 46807.

Mrs. Helen Sheerin also comes by transfer. She resides at 4415 Champlain, 46806. Although Helen is not able to leave her home due to illness, her presence will be felt among us.

Welcome to you both!

ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASS CONTINUES

Adults and older youth interested in membership are welcome to the last three weeks of our current membership class. We are exploring the history and beliefs of the Christian Church, and the meaning of baptism, communion, and much more. Join us in the parlor (north of the Sanctuary), 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

We are still in need of counselors for all ages of children's and youth's summer camps and conferences. If you are interested in giving a week of your time in this way, please give Dick Hamm a call this week!

PRAYER CHAIN OFFERED

First Christian Church will have a continuous 36 hour prayer chain from Good Friday, 6:00 P.M., until Easter morning, 6:00 A.M. If you wish to sign up for one or more 30 minute time slots, the sign up poster is on display at the church. Security guards will be on hand during hours of darkness.

SERVING MARCH 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, J. Stucky-
NW, J. Hendricks, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. K. Rogers-SW, D. Rogers-
NW, J. Jump-SE, R. Flickinger-NE, M.
Hamm, J. Franklin, G. Falbe, B. Ker-
ley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, S. Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman & Mildred
Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Sam Smith

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M. Hartman - M. Crouse

C. Ludwig - C. Olson

V. Taylor - P. Tobias

L. York - R. Krull

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Sara Mullen & Tracy Kiessling

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The Chancel Choir in honor of Linda
Peterson

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LUTHERAN:

637 - Mrs. Doris Richard

ST. JOSEPH:

623 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

427 - Mr. Bob Hendricks

535 - Mr. Arza Smith

621 - Ola McLin

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS, P-NUT
BUTTER, NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are
extended to Jim Stucky in the
death of his grandmother last
week in Iowa.

THANK YOU

It is so difficult to ex-
press the love I have for all
of you and how thankful I am
to belong to your family.

You have shown me of your
care and concern through pray-
ers, cards, phone calls and
by a touch.

It is hard to know what to
say to someone who is hurting
but you all succeeded in show-
ing your love of Christ to me.
Dick was a rock when I needed
a solid base in my faith.

With Love,

Mark, Rosemary Krull &
Family

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

3-6-83

Lee Blanchard, 4402 Austin
Drive; Diane Hart & Andrew,
218 Essex Lane; Mrs. Bertha
Roberson, 6026 S. Calhoun St.

SECURITY GUARDS NEEDED

If you would serve as a se-
curity guard for a four hour
shift during the Prayer Chain,
please call the church office!

D.M.A.

D.M.A. will be meeting Tues-
day, March 22 at 12:00 Noon
for a potluck. The Southmoor
Singers will present a musical
program. Please bring extra
food for our guests who will
be sharing the meal with us.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I earnestly seek your prayers this week for the Board as they consider a candidate for associate ministry. It has been a long six months since Rev. Nunnally left, and even if the Board recommends this candidate to you as a congregation, it will still be July 1 before he could begin. This means we will have been without an associate for nearly a year! No one has been more earnest than me in desiring a new associate minister! Nevertheless, I can see the hand of God in this long wait....it has not been wasted time.

I have had time as senior minister to more accurately assess where First Christian Church is and what we need. Perhaps more importantly, I have had time to reflect upon my own style of leadership, which I believe will make me a lot easier to work with as a colleague. I think the congregation, too, has had time to see the need for an associate.

Things take time, of course, and even after a new associate is here with us (whoever that person is), it will take him (or her) time to get settled in. Rome wasn't built in a day! Nevertheless, the difference will be evident soon in the quality and quantity of programs and pastoral care that First Christian will be able to offer.

I'm praying for you, too. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

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Easter Breakfast: 7:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. for all ages

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 A.M. Membership Class for
YOUTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Membership Class for
ADULTS

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

5:30 P.M. "Life of Jesus" -
Seminar

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THE WEAVER

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors;
He worketh steadily.

Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow,
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the under side.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas,
And explain the reason why

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

--Christian Index

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 14-20

Ethel Shroyer (14)
Mike Akers (15)
Mark Akers (15)
Wayne Koehlinger (15)
Stephan Ludwig (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
George Bruckman (16)
Rex Clifton (16)
Robert Ogles (16)
Max Finkhousen (17)
Michael Novachcoff (17)
Edna Shoe (18)
Melanie Springer (19)
Vince Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)

NOTICE

Anyone wishing copies of the
Lenten sermons, please call
the church office. They will
not be available until after
Easter.

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337 E. Hoover 46816; Mrs. Sue
Knuckles, 511 Dori Lynn, Apt.
G, Fort Wayne, IN 46807;
Laura Marks, 1826 Papermill,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825; Bud &
Ruth O'Laughlin, P.O. Box 71,
Fithian, Illinois 61844; John
& Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey
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Fort Wayne, IN 46809; Mrs.
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. John Cullen (whose wife Kathryn joined last week) has also transferred his membership here from Trinity English Lutheran. John has been in the hospital for several days as of this writing, but he hopes to be with us soon in worship. Welcome, John!

Also, Devera Hook transferred her membership from St. Paul's United Methodist in Payne, Ohio. We are delighted to have Devera join us at First. She lives at 2520 Buena Vista Street, 46805. Her phone number is 485-4419. Welcome, Devera!

D.M.A.

D.M.A. will be meeting Tuesday, March 22 at 12:00 noon for a potluck. The Southmoor Singers will present a musical program. Please bring extra food for our guests who will be sharing the meal with us. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MARCH 25, 6:30 P.M.

To consider a candidate for associate minister. Bring a meat dish and a vegetable or dessert. Also bring your table service. Beverages will be provided.

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SERMON SUNDAY: "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"

Matthew 5:1-7

SERVING MARCH 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Ker-
ley-NW, V. Brown, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. P. Tobias-SW, P. Mul-
len-NW, R. Krull-SE, E. Klepfer-NE,
K. Place, C. Olson, J. Stucky, M.
Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Almeda & Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Marc Sneden, Sherri Best

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Flickinger's & Julia Hendricks

ACOLYTES

Todd McBride & Dennis Hendrickson

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

670 - Mr. John Phillips

322 - Mr. John Cullen

ST. JOSEPH:

593 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

AT HOME

Mr. Bill Taylor in Florida

Mr. Arza Smith, Parnell Park Nur-
sing Home

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, NOODLES, P-
NUT BUTTER

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to
Glenn & Lola Miller in the
death of their 10 day old
great-granddaughter in Lafay-
ette, IN.

YOUR INPUT NEEDED

Will members please return
as soon as possible the survey
"What Do You Want Your Senior
Pastor To Do?" Thank you.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASS CONTINUES

Adults and older youth in-
terested in membership are
welcome to the last two weeks
of our current membership
class. We are exploring the
history and beliefs of the
Christian Church, and the mea-
ning of baptism, communion,
and much more. Join us in the
parlor (north of the Sanctuary),
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

SECOND NOTICE

Clean off the spikes, oil
those gloves! Start thinking
softball. We will play a 14
game schedule - games on Tues-
day nights. This is an all-
church league. MEETING NEXT
SUNDAY immediately after 10:45
A.M. service.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

3-13-83

Miss Elizabeth Smith, 6811
Wrangler Ct.; Tom & Sharon
Fortenbery, R.R. 1, Box 712,
Rosedale, IN; Jean Greene, no
address given.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, I may have to eat a little crow! I said I thought we would need the balcony before Easter. It isn't looking that way now. However, I don't care! Why not? Because total attendance is up! It's just that more people are coming to first service at 8:15 A.M. This came as a surprise to me, although I shouldn't be surprised considering the warm weather we've had. I'm delighted with the number of new faces you all have invited to join us in worship, regardless of the status of the balcony. We are growing! Keep up the good work in inviting the unchurched. We have a responsibility toward them.

How is your Lenten journey coming? I hope you are enjoying and benefiting from this current sermon series on the Beatitudes. Easter is just around the corner, my crocuses and tulips are reminding me!

We mailed in the "proof" on our new pictorial directory this week, so they should be printed soon. Welcome home to the snowbirds who are now beginning to migrate back north! It's great to have you back with us again.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

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9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Membership Class for
ADULTS
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 P.M. Congregational Meeting

ATTENTION: CWF'ers

There will be a fifteen minute business meeting prior to the Sacrificial Luncheon on Saturday, March 26 at 11:15 A.M. Please be prompt so we can begin the rest of the program on time. Thank you.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 21-27

Bill Halbrook (21)
Julia Brita (22)
Christine Dailey (22)
Pearl Heidecker (22)
Thomas Banet (22)
Steve Grimm (23)
Terry King, Jr. (23)
Bobby Pauley (23)
Margaret Love (24)
John Glasgow (24)
Rosemary Krull (25)
Judith Hoagland (25)
Robert Briggs (26)
Edwin Hall (27)
Margaret Beachley (27)

LET ME BE A LITTLE KINDER: LET ME BE A LITTLE BLINDER TO THE FAULTS OF
THOSE ABOUT ME: LET ME PRAISE A LITTLE MORE:

Let me be, when I am weary, just a little more cheery;
Let me serve a little better, those that I am striving for.

LET ME BE A LITTLE BRAVER WHEN TEMPTATION BIDS ME TO WAVER;
LET ME STRIVE A LITTLE HARDER TO BE ALL THAT I SHOULD BE;

Let me be a little meeker, with the brother that is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me.

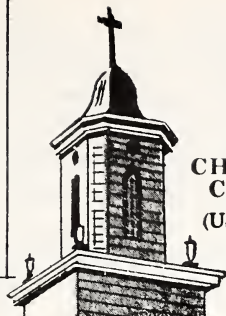
LET ME BE A LITTLE SWEETER, THEREBY MAKING LIFE A BIT COMPLETEER;
BY DOING WHAT I SHOULD DO EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY;

Let me without complaining; not a humble task disdaining;
Let me face the summons calmly, when death beckons me away.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 6:30 P.M.

Bring a meat dish or a vegetable and dessert, and table service. Beverages provided. Meet our prospective associate.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 31, 7:30 P.M. -- A service featuring a drama of the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 1, 1:30 P.M. -- A community service at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun Street. Dr. Hamm will be preaching.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE -- 6:00 A.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST -- 7:00 A.M.

FIRST WORSHIP -- 8:15 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL -- 9:30 A.M.

SECOND WORSHIP -- 10:45 A.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, April 2

Time: 1:30 P.M.

All children thru grade 5 is invited. Bring your own basket. A surprise visitor will be here!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR OFFERED

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Please register by calling the church office (744-3239). No charge.

SERMON SUNDAY: "Blessed Are The Pure In Heart"
Matthew 5:1-8

SERVING MARCH 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Wilhelm-SW, J. Young-
NW, M. Hutchinson, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, L. Fink-
housen-NW, W. Johnson-SE, M. Crouse-
NE, E. Conrad, N. Lucas, M. Fink-
housen, K. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Hix, S. White

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Reba & Earl Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Mimi & Wes Westerfield

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Snyder - J. Briggs

E. Brown - S. Knuckles

M. Bixenman - E. Klepfer

E. Klepfer - M. Wilhelm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Knuckles & Briggs'

ACOLYTES

Mark Zimmerman & Julie Briggs

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

634 - John Phillips

563 - Susan Creager

ST. JOSEPH:

- Hortense Stevenson

AT HOME

Bill Taylor - Florida

Troy Yeoman

Arza Smith - Parnell Park
Nursing Home

THANK YOU'S

*Thank you for the visits
from Dr. Hamm and Janet Weick-
er, for the prayers and cards.
I appreciate the love and con-
cern shown, and I will not
forget it.*

*Thanks again for thinking of
me while I was in the hospital.*

Lea Jackson

*Thanks to Rev. Hamm and the
members of the visiting com-
mittee for their visits and
prayers during my hospital
confinement.*

Raymond Sarrazin

DONATION NEEDED!

Do you have an old white
sheet that you can donate to
the Chi Rho?

Please bring and leave in
the office or library.

Thank you!

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON

The annual sacrificial lun-
cheon sponsored by C.W.F. for
the entire church will be this
Saturday, March 26 at 11:30 A.
M. Mildred Hartman, Worship
Chairman is in charge of the
program. There will be an
Easter drama and special music.
The Rebecca Group is the hos-
tess. Pat Mullen, C.W.F. Pre-
sident has called a business
meeting at 11:15 in the Chapel.

Don't miss this highlight of
the Lenten Season. Babysit-
ting will be provided.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope you were able to be in worship Sunday. The music was superb. We are certainly blessed with fine musicians. I do hope, also, that you are planning to be present for the special services being offered. I feel the Maundy Thursday service will be especially significant. It will be at 7:30 P.M.,

Well, this is the week we all have the opportunity to meet our candidate for associate minister. I hope you are as positive about him as the Search Committee and the Board. If he is approved, it will be great to plan for his coming in July.

Have you wondered why nothing has been said about money lately? There is a good reason; the best of all reasons. The congregation is meeting the budget. This is the first time in quite a while that First's income has met its outgo. I want to thank everyone for their faithfulness. There are always those who are unable to contribute what they'd like, and especially in times like these. But those of us who are able are really coming through! Thank you! It is great to serve a church where I don't have to spend time and energy trying to help the church meet its budget. At this rate, we will be able to support the associate minister with no problem. Keep up the good work! Any extra money will help us make it through the lean days of summer.

If I haven't told you lately, my family and I are sure glad we're here!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

COMING APRIL 10

Dr. Hamm will be starting a new Sunday School class for adults. The class will study topics of interest to people in their 20's and 30's especially. The group will meet 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall in front of the stage. Everyone is welcome, members and visitors.

LOAN A LILY?

If you have an Easter Lily that you would be willing to loan the church for Easter Sunday, please call the church office. This will greatly enhance our worship.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Fruit, Cereal, Noodles, P-Nut Butter

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

11:15 A.M. Business Meeting for CWF

11:30 A.M. Sacrificial Luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Membership Class for
ADULTS

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:30 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1:30 P.M. Community Service at
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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

3-20-83

Mrs. Ruth Denton, 337 Tyler Parkway, New Haven, IN; Bette Martin, 415 W. Fairfax Avenue.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Mar. 28-Apr.

Kimberly Borton (28)

James Buchanan (28)

F. Wayne Rousseau (28)

Lelia McBride (28)

Linda Hendrickson (28)

Maude Donohue (29)

Sylvia Smith (29)

Nancy Wyant (30)

Pam Akers (30)

Connie Wells (30)

Bill Urich (31)

Paul Yentes (1)

Rosalie Jenkins (1)

Gladys Harshbarger (1)

Tom Knuckles (1)

Marshall Smith (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

-Anna Chasar (3)

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:

Mrs. Helen Lobdell, 752 Candelite Court, 46807; Mrs. Linda Peterson, 434 Fox Circle, Noblesville, IN 46060; Bill & Nancy Wyant, 227 S. Seminole Circle 46807; Cora Harnish, 1807-7 Fox Point Trail 46816.

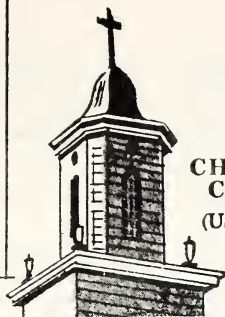
ADDITIONS:

John & Kathryn Cullen, 421 W. Fleming Avenue 46807; Dev-era Hook, 2520 Buena Vista St., 46805; Mrs. Helen Sheerin, 4415 Champlain, 46806; Sam & Nancy Smith, 4046 Wayne Trace, 46806; Marc Sneden & Sherri Best, 124 W. Wildwood, 46807.

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DON WILTFONG CALLED AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Friday evening the congregation extended a call to Don Wiltfong to become associate minister and he immediately accepted the call. Don is now finishing his work at Christian Theological Seminary and will be coming to First Christian in July.

Don was born in California and went to college at Northeast Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, where he met Beth, his wife. He and Beth have a 10 week old baby, Lucy. Don has worked as a student associate in three different congregations and has experience with youth. He will work with Christian Education and youth as well as sharing various pastoral duties and administrative work at First. His call was by secret ballot and unanimous. We look forward to the Wiltfong's arrival with great hope and anticipation!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. John Kelly came transferring his membership from the Presbyterian Church. John lives at 818 E. Rudisill Blvd., 46806. His phone is 745-0800.

Also, David and Genie Pratt and two of their children Troy and Aimee, transferred from Calvary Temple. They live at 1217 W. Branning, 46807. Their phone is 456-6801.

Welcome to you all!

EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, April 2

Time: 1:30 P.M.

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SERVING APRIL 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, D.

Church-NW, B. Briggs, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, G. Falbe-

NW, P. Tobias-SE, D. Rogers-NE, M.

Hamm, J. Franklin, K. Rogers, N.

Lucas

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,

D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,

T. York, C. Schnobel

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Inez & Bob Petty

10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

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ACOLYTES

Krista Rogers & Amy Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kris & John Ohneck

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Arza Smith - Parnell Park Nursing
Home

Troy Yeoman

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Cereal, Powdered Milk, P-Nut
Butter, Canned Fruit, Noodles

THANK YOU'S

I came home from the hospital last Saturday. Some warm weather and lots of fresh air would be just what the Dr. ordered.

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Judy Sterling

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3-27-83

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Penfold,
3217 Oswego Ave.; Mr. Greg Olwine,
420 W. Pettit; Kathy Olwine,
4705 Danbury Dr.; Mrs. Mildred Kerley,
801 Laddie Ln; Pam, Jean & Bill Beard,
1209 Forest Dr., Frankfort, IN;
Celeste Steward, 3916 Taylor;
Mrs. Geraldine Pratt, Tall Oaks Apts.,
7300 Decatur Rd.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a "lift" it is for us to have secured the services of a quality individual such as Don Wiltfong! Although it will be July before he arrives, he and I will meet several times to make plans. My sincere thanks to each of the members of the Search Committee: Pat Mullen, Ron Flickinger, Becca Olson, Miriam Bixenman, Shirley Callahan, Gary Falbe, Bev Hendricks and Tony York, and especially to Jim Jump, chairman.

I do hope you will be present for the many special services of holy week, Let us enter into the full joy of the resurrection!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

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1:30 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

6:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at the
church

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Martha Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Bernice
Montgomery's, 716 Ar-
cher Avenue

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FAMOUS COUNSELOR IN TOWN

Dr. Howard Clinebell, author of scores of books on pastoral counseling, will be at First Presbyterian Church, April 13, 7:30 P.M., to present a public lecture. All are welcome!

DONATION NEEDED!

Do you have an old white sheet that you can donate to the Chi Rho?

Please bring and leave in the office or library.

Thank you!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 4-10

Stella Houk (4)

Wes Westerfield (4)

Sharon Pauley (5)

Anne Shirley (5)

Reba Fusselman (6)

Scott Keebortz (6)

Teresa Meadows (6)

Genevieve Ripple (6)

Gary Helmke (7)

Ann Sands (9)

Ethel Flowers (10)

Betty Grimm (10)

Charles Ludwig (10)

OVERSEAS CHURCH LEADERS COMING

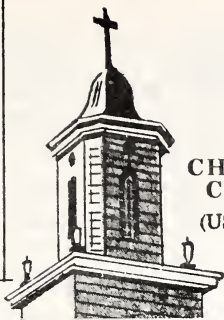
On April 20, 7:30 P.M., in a public forum at Plymouth Congregational Church, the following will be present for discussion: Dr. Konrad Raiser, Deputy General Secretary, W.C.C.; Mrs. Dora Brown, Barbados, Caribbean Conference of Churches; Bishop Alexander Timofeev, Russian Orthodox Church/Moscow Academy; Mr. Vyacheslav Petrovich Ovsyannikov (Interpreter).

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY,

At 4:00 P.M., April 10, there will be a service of remembrance at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

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NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Dr. Hamm is beginning a new Sunday School Class in the fellowship hall (in front of the stage) this Sunday, April 10. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, 9:30 A.M.,

CYF IN EVANSVILLE THIS WEEKEND

Our high school youth group has taken our church bus to Evansville for a three day youth Assembly in Evansville. Our church is a pick up point for all northeastern Indiana, so many other youth are traveling via our bus as well,

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR OFFERED

Dr. Hamm will offer a four week marriage enrichment seminar meeting Sunday's 5:30 - 7:30 P.M., April 10, 17, May 1, 8. This is not marriage counseling for "lost causes" but enrichment for all those who wish to make their marriage better. Also recommended for persons preparing for marriage.

Please register by calling the church office (744-3239). No charge.

SPRING BANQUET FEATURES REGIONAL MINISTER

The C.W.F. Spring Banquet (for men and women) will be Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 P.M. The program will feature Dr. and Mrs. Howard Goodrich, who will bring a slide program of a recent visit to the near east. This program has received "rave" reviews all around the region. Don't miss it.

SERVING APRIL 10
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, C. Olson-
NW, J. Stucky, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, E. Klep-
fer-NW, K. Place-SE, J. Briggs-NE,
P. Mullen, R. Krull, M. Callahan,
B. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, B. Haines

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Alice & Russell Sturgis

10:45 A.M. Chip & Becca Olson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - V. Brown

E. Klepfer - K. Place

S. Hayes - D. Rogers

Wm. Johnson - W. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Gary Falbe

ACOLYTES

Shannon Jones & Scott Creager

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

PICTURES NEEDED

Do you have any pictures of our past ministers? We especially need photos of Franklin McGuire and earlier pastors. If you do, please call the church office as we might wish to borrow such photos for a project in which portraits of past ministers will be displayed permanently. Thank you.

DRAMA CLUB FORMING

Several persons have expressed an interest in forming a drama group to do both religious and secular drama. If you are interested in this idea, please call the church office and indicate your particular interest (acting, directing, make-up, props, lights, etc).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES
NEEDED

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be meeting September 23-28 in San Antonio, Texas. First Christian is entitled to four voting delegates and any number of non-voting delegates. If you are interested in representing us at this great meeting, please call the church office and so indicate. Thank you.

DONATION NEEDED!

Do you have an old white sheet that you can donate to the Chi Rho?

Please bring and leave in the church office or library.
Thank you!

DUE TO THE EARLY PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE OF TIDINGS, AS THE SECRETARY IS ON VACATION, THE HOSPITAL LIST IS BEING OMITTED.

ECUMENICAL SING HERE APRIL 24,
7:00 P.M.

First Christian will host this annual event which features the choirs of several congregation's in mass. Plan now to be present for this inspiring program of music!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Eastertide moving toward Pentecost. How wonderful were the services of Holy Week! I hope you were there for as many as possible. Let us now enter into the full joy that comes with the knowledge that we serve a risen Savior! We are an Easter people!

We at First Christian are privileged to host this year's "Ecumenical Sing" on April 24, 7:00 P.M. This is a delightful program of music which features about 140 singers from seven congregations (including ours). You won't want to miss this!

We do need some help with this program. We need three persons to serve as babysitters on Thursday, April 21, from 6:20 P.M. till about 9:30 or 10:00 P.M. (rehearsal) and three persons to serve as babysitters on Sunday evening, April 24 (the performance) from 6:00 P.M. till about 9:00 P.M. Also, we will need cookies for refreshments to be held after the rehearsal. If you can help in any of these ways, please call the church office. Thanks in advance!

I hope to see you at the Spring Banquet. The Goodrich's have an excellent program in store for us!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

HELP NEEDED!

We would like to have someone interested to help in cementing our drive-way. Call Jim or Becky Stucky if you can be of any help on this project at 447-3826.

PLEASE CALL RESERVATIONS FOR THE SPRING BANQUET INTO THE OFFICE BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1983.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment Seminar

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:30 P.M. C.W.F. Spring Banquet
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the church

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 11-17

Rebecca Glasgow (12)
Jim Heavin (13)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
John Merrill, Jr. (13)
Fern Strole (14)
Golden Rose (14)
Kathryn Cullen (14)
Ruth Yost (15)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Richard Jackson (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Nick Keirn (17)
Edward Wooldridge (17)

CAMP AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR 1983

THOSE ENTERING 5th & 6th GRADES:

Location:	Dates:	Event:
Bedford	6/20-6/25	General
Barbee	6/27-7/2	General
Barbee	7/11-7/16	General
Bedford	7/11-7/16	General
Indian Lake	7/4-7/9	General
Indian Lake	7/18-7/23	General

THOSE ENTERING 7th & 8th GRADES:

Location:	Dates:	Event:
Barbee	7/4-7/9	Sports
Barbee	7/18-7/23	General
Bedford	7/4-7/9	General
Bedford	7/18-7/23	General
Indian Lake	6/27-7/2	General
Indian Lake	7/25-7/30	General

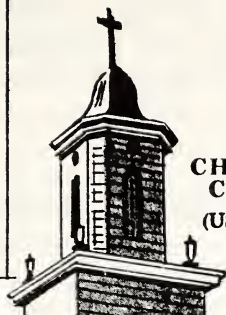
THOSE ENTERING 9th-12th GRADES

Location:	Dates:	Event:
Barbee	7/24-7/31	Conference
Barbee	7/31-8/6	Conference
Bedford	6/26-7/2	Conference
Indian Lake	7/10-7/16	Music, Art, Drama
Indian Lake	7/31-8/6	Sports
Indian Lake	7/31-8/6	My Ministry
Koinonia Farm	6/18-6/26	Work Camp (11&12 only)
Smoky Mountains	8/7-8/13	Trail Camp
NY/Washington, DC	8/3-8/11	International Affairs

POST-HIGH & ADULT

Location:	Dates:	Event:
Indian Lake	3/4-3/6	Sing. Win. R.
Barbee	9/2-9/5	Fam. Camp
Indian Lake	6/3-6/5	60&up Conf.
Indian Lake	8/12-8/14	Singles
Indian Lake	9/30-10/2	Marr. Enrich
Koinonia Farm	6/18-6/26	Work Camp
Smoky Mountains	8/7-8/13	Trail Camp

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ECUMENICAL SING, APRIL 24

First Christian will host this great event which will feature about 140 singers from seven churches in mass, 7:00 P.M., April 24, Sunday.

As hosts, we need to provide three persons for babysitting on Thursday, April 21, 6:20 P.M. till about 10:00 P.M., and three persons to serve as babysitters on performance night from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Also, we will need cookies for refreshments for singers after rehearsal. If you can help in any of these ways, please contact the office.

D.M.A. Fellowship - Weatherman Tom Stevens

The D.M.A. will next meet on Tuesday, April 26, at noon, for a pot-luck luncheon followed by a presentation from Channel 15 Weatherman Tom Stevens.

The D.M.A. program has now been planned through June of 1984. If there is someone you would like to have put on the D.M.A. mailing list, please call the church office this week! Thanks.

DRAMA CLUB FIRST MEETING

Those interested in drama are invited to an organizational meeting Sunday, April 17, 7:30 P.M. at the church. Actors, stage hands, make-up people, etc., are all welcome. No experience necessary. Youth and adults welcome.

NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S ADDRESS

If you would like to drop a note to Don Wiltfong, Beth and baby Lucy, you can address it 706 Clarendon Place, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

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SERVING APRIL 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Laura York and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J.
Young-NW, B. Kerley, M. Wilhelm
10:45 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, K. Flick-
inger-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, S.
Knuckles-NE, M. Mullen, N. Lucas,
M. Crouse, W. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson, M. Crouse

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Nena Lucas & Gary Falbe
ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Eric Krull
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
The Lehman's & Sherri Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-123 - Mr. Gus Mueller

ST. JOSPEH:

553 - Mrs. Viola Gaskill

PARKVIEW:

228 - Mr. Gary Myers

AT HOME

Bill Taylor - In Florida

Arza Smith - Parnell Park Nursing
Home

THANK YOU'S

*I want to thank my many friends
and church members, for the many
cards, visits and prayers, while I
was in the hospital, and an espec-
ially a big thank you to Dr. Dick
Hamm, Janet Weicker, and Karen
Flickinger. Their visits and
prayers were very encouraging.*

Hortense Stevenson

THANKS

*Thanks to Sandy Zimmerman
and Jo Weyer for staffing the
office while Diane Johnson was
on vacation.*

STAMP PROJECT

If you are saving stamps for
the C.W.F., please be certain
to leave $\frac{1}{4}$ inch all around the
stamp when you cut it out.

Thanks.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following persons came
forward on Easter Sunday:

-- John and Janet Myers
came by confession of faith.
They live at 1503 E. Paulding
Road 46816 and their phone
number is 744-0995.

-- Garnet Ford came by
transfer from the Methodist
Church in Dunkirk, IN. She
lives with her daughter Judy
at 7402 Cold Springs Blvd.
46825 and her phone number is
489-4367.

-- Saleum & Pheung Phomsou-
pha and Joe came by confession
of faith. They live at 143 E.
Wildwood Ave. 46806 and their
phone number is 442-8573.

-- Mark Zimmerman came by
confession of faith. He lives
with his parents Jerry & Sandy
and brother Eric.

-- Troy Harter made his
confession of faith and was
baptized on April 10. He lives
at 1242 Northlawn 46825 and
his phone number is 483-1693.

Welcome to each of you!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How delightful that we cracked the 400 mark on Easter Sunday! I was really proud of our choirs and instrumentalists, too. Thanks to all the many people who made Holy Week what it was! At the tremendous risk of leaving some persons out, I wish to thank especially Delores Keebortz, Worship Chairman, Miriam Bixenman who assisted in many ways, Laura York who directed the Maundy Thursday program, Betty Briggs who chaired the Easter Egg Hunt, and Jerry Zimmerman and Ann Hayes for their over and above efforts. There are many others too numerous to mention.

The Hamm's have now been with you for a full year, and we're delighted to say we feel at home here and hope to be with you for many years to come. The future looks great for First Christian Church from where we stand, and we hope everyone else feels the same. We deeply appreciate your warm acceptance and friendship.

NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

This Sunday's sermon will be a very brief drama. I think you will find it stimulating and thought provoking. I hope you will enjoy it.

Peace to you all! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION ON MAY 1

OFFICERS: Secretary - Nancy Wyant, Treasurer - Mike Callahan, Memorial Funds Treasurer - Sam Hayes

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Worship - Delores Keebortz, Personnel - Chip Olson, Membership - Miriam Bixenman, Property - Bob Johnson, Stewardship - Merle Grimm.

LAY PERSONNEL: (5) Competitive Election:

Mildred Hartman, Dick Mory, Ruby Mowery, Rolland Ripple, Jo Flickinger

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Competitive Election:

ELDERS: Al Creager, Laura York, Ennis Brown, Val Taylor

DIACONATE: (Men) John Ohneck, Ken Place, Ron Flickinger, Earl Snouffer, Wes Westerfield

DIACONATE: (Women) Betty Grimm, Eunice Conrad

CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE: Kris Ohneck, Vince Wells

ELDERS: (4) - Al Creager, Andy Cook, Ken Hawkins

DIACONATE: (8) - John Ohneck, Tim Briggs, Jane Hahn, Liz Johnson, Mindy Hamm, Earl Snouffer, Wes Westerfield, Bette Haines

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment
Seminar
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:30 P.M. Drama Club Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 P.M. Ecumenical Sing Re-
hearsal
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

4-10-83

*Mr. L. D. Williams, 2131 West Co.
Line Road; Miss Jessie Eicher, 701-
1 W. Wildwood; Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Callahan, 405 E. 7th St., North
Manchester, IN.*

PICTURES NEEDED

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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Cereal, Noodles,
Canned Fruit.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST, WEDNESDAY, A-
PRIL 20, 6:30 - 7:30 A.M.
ALL MEN WELCOME!**

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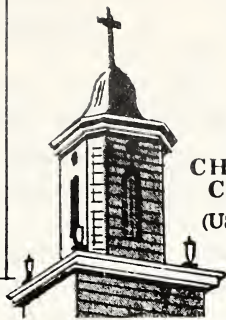
MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 18-24

Iva Imbody (19)
David Moody (19)
Arlene Downes (20)
Robby Pauley (20)
Myrna Steigerwald (20)
Julia Hendricks (21)
Gail Roe (21)
Karen Zimmerman (21)
Opal Carper (21)
Laura Marks (22)
Sheryl Melchi (22)
Dean Howard (22)
Joseph Snouffer (23)
Cathy Stucker (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Grady Vanderwall (24)
Devera Hook (24)

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MAY BREAKFAST

The annual May Breakfast for CWF and friends will be on Saturday, May 7, at 9:30 A.M. We have a very special treat in store this year. We have a special missionary speaker, Mrs. Victor (Marian) McAnallen, who, with her husband, serves in Thailand. She is currently manager of the Lao Song Handicrafts. The crafts are largely sold in Bangkok at International School each month and the proceeds from these sales have lifted many Thai women and their families from the edge of starvation to a much fuller and more stable life. Watch the posters which will be up this Sunday for a sample of these crafts brought back by Ralph and Judy Church. Come, hear Marion, and enjoy the fellowship of a lovely breakfast. Bring your friends! There is no charge.

ECUMENICAL SING - THIS SUNDAY EVENING

This Sunday, April 24, 7:00 P.M., First Christian will host the annual "Ecumenical Sing". About 140 singers from seven churches will present a program of inspiring music. Come early to get a good seat! Babysitting is provided.

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SERVING APRIL 24

ELDERS

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Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Laura York and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, J. Briggs-
NW, J. Hendricks, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. L. Finkhousen-SW, B.
Wyant-NW, K. Rogers-SE, J. Franklin-
NE, D. Rogers, R. Flickinger, P.
Tobias, B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt

10:45 A.M. Linda & Ken Hawkins

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - M. Hutchinson
Jt. Weicker - J. Hendricks
M. Bixenman - J. Young
B. Pauley - G. Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Finkhousen's & Rogers'

ACOLYTES

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M-123 - Mr. Gus Mueller

PARKVIEW:

228 - Mr. Gary Myers

270 - Mrs. Florence Hagar

BLUFFTON CLINIC:

Mrs. Helen Reynolds

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK,
NOODLES, FRUIT JUICE

SYMPATHY

We extend the sympathy of this church to Rachael and Franklin McGuire and their family in the recent death of Rachael's mother, Mrs. Frances Gambo. Mrs. Gambo and her husband, Homer, were long time missionaries to India. One of our earlier CWF groups was named for the Gambos and Mrs. Gambo has been a speaker in this church a number of times. Rev. McGuire was one of our former ministers.

GARAGE SALE

Do you have a Fibber McGee's closet - cupboard - drawers - attic - basement - or other storage area? It's spring clean up time! Donate your unneeded items to our garage sale May 20 & 21. (Bring them to the church anytime after May 1.)

CAMP & CONFERENCE

Forms will soon be mailed out. Watch for them and return them as quickly as possible to assure best choice of dates.

Hi There

The Drama Group of First Christian Church are planning a vaudeville show and is in need of all kinds of acts.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in participating in this fun time please call any of the numbers listed below, and tell us what you would do. We will then get back to you. Call: First Christian Church - 744-3239; Max Finkhousen -456-8178; or Schellie Schell - 744-2773.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was delighted with the response to our dramatic presentation Sunday. Many people found it to be a most significant presentation. I appreciate the openness of this congregation to new approaches! I think it helps to do something different once in a while. Sometimes someone is reached through such a medium when they have been touched by more traditional approaches.

We are having about 20 participants in our marriage enrichment seminar. I'll be offering this again later, as there is apparently quite a bit of interest.

This Sunday I will finish my sermon series on the beatitudes. We will look at the last two beatitudes. Read Matthew 5:1-10. What does "blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake" say to us 20th century Christians? I hope you can be there.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

The following letter was received from the Associated Churches:

A hallmark of a local congregation is the outward commitment of the people. When ecumenism is a part of the mission, the people become involved in the larger body of the Church. Locally we call this the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The participation of First Christian Church in 1982 was most commendable. I am pleased to tell you folks that your church is a leader in financial support. We have recorded that the church contributed \$3,960 with 542 members. This designates First Christian as a Second-Mile Church.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I write these words of appreciation and add my personal gratitude and thanksgiving. At the same time, be assured of my continued interest and prayers in support of your own mission and ministry.

Peace,

Melvin R. Phillips
Executive Minister

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. "Ecumenical Sing"

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

"EXPLAINING DEATH & DYING TO CHILDREN.....AND TO MYSELF"

Sponsored by Klaehn Funeral Homes and the Fort Wayne P.T.A., this seminar will be May 11, 7:00-9:00 P.M., in the South Side High School Auditorium. Featured is Dr. Earl Grollman, author of many books on death and grief. This will be a significant help to all parents.

AREA CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DANCE

First Christian will host a dance for all area Disciples C.Y.F.'s on Friday, May 6, 7:30 - 11:00 P.M. C.Y.F.'ers are asked to bring a bag of munchies and whatever music you would like to hear. If you have questions, call Tony York at 447-1284. This is for 9th - 12th grades.

THANKS

Thanks to Tom Knuckles for driving the church bus to Evansville and back last weekend for the C.Y.F. Regional Assembly. 40 youth rode our church bus!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-17-83

Mr. & Mrs. Roger A. Diemer,
P.O. Box 403, Harlan, IN; Mr.
Dave Yoder, 9217 Whippoorwill
Drive.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS: CORRECTIONS:

Muriel Crouse to Mrs. Muriel Baker, 4622 Jason 46815; Miss Anita Fitch, 300 W. Berry, Edsal House, Apt. 2-10B 46802; Ken & Linda Hawkins, Jeff Johnson, 7313 Marchfield Pl. 46804; Mrs. Brenda Hiatt, 7216 Hickory Creek 46809.

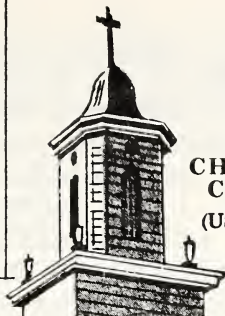
ADDITIONS:

Garnet Ford, 7402 Cold Springs Blvd. 46825; Troy Harter, 1242 Northlawn Dr. 46805; John & Janet Myers, 1503 E. Paulding Rd. 46806; Saleum & Pheong Phomsoupha & Joe, 143 E. Wildwood 46806; David & Jeannie Pratt, 1217 W. Branning 46807.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 25-30
Geneva Ferguson (25)
Helen Reynolds (27)
Jessie Fern Woodward (28)
Mildred Hutchinson (30)

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MAY BREAKFAST

Don't forget to make your reservations for the May Breakfast by calling the church office (744-3239), Pat Mullen (745-9154), or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365). The breakfast is for all women and is on Saturday, May 7, at 9:30 A.M. There is no charge.

Have you seen the posters in the Narthex and at the south door? These show a picture of our speaker, Mrs. Marian McAnallen, wearing a dress made from pieces left from crafts made in the Lao Song Handicraft Program which she directs in Thailand. The posters also have samples of some of the decorations made in the program.

Marian and her husband, Victor, first went to Thailand in 1957, living in Bangkok and learning the Thai language. She has taught Bible and English in several locations in Thailand. One of her greatest joys is to see more and more of the people realize God's love and care through the craft project, which now takes her full time.

Don't miss this interesting speaker.

USED STAMP PROJECT

If you were here for the Goodrich's program a couple of weeks ago, you saw and heard about the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project sends farm animals to farmers in the Third World and helps them successfully raise heifers, goats, pigs, chicks, and others. This is a most effective way to help fight poverty and hunger.

You can help by bringing in your used postage stamps. These are sold to companies which in turn sell them to hobbyists. PLEASE LEAVE $\frac{1}{4}$ " ALL AROUND THE STAMPS WHEN YOU CUT THEM OUT. Any closer and they are useless! All kinds of stamps, including standard stamps, are valuable for this project. Thanks.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MAY 1

The Congregation will meet this Sunday, May 1, 10:25 A.M., in the sanctuary to elect officers for '83-'84. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, however prior consent of those nominated from the floor is required by the By-Laws. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:25 A.M.

SERVING MAY 1

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Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Sam Hayes

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NW, V. Brown, C. Olson

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NW, B. Briggs-SE, J. Jump-NE, G.
Falbe, E. Klepfer, K. Place, J.
Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. White, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. John & Janet Myers

10:45 A.M. Jeannie & David Pratt

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ACOLYTES

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IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

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BLUFFTON CLINIC:

Mrs. Helen Reynolds

AT HOME:

Mr. Gus Mueller

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK,
CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS

THANK YOU'S

*Many thanks to all my friends
at First Christian Church who
remembered me with cards and
best wishes on my birthday.*

Iva Imbody

*I wish to thank all of the
people who sent me cards and
visited me while I was hospi-
talized and at home. May God
bless you all!*

Gus Mueller

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Triumphant Living) will cost
\$2.40 and will be available
before the first class. Bring
your Bible and booklet!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

4-24-83

*Robert & Adrienne Burchill,
Oak Park, ILL; Mr. Ellis Kline,
Louisville, KY; Miss Jill
Bard, 1521 Green Rd., New Ha-
ven, IN; Miss Kim Wright, 235
Tanglewood, New Haven, IN.*

CWF SPRING WORKSHOP

The annual spring workshop to train CWF officers and chairmen, both for the general fellowship and for the groups, will be in Kendallville, May 4 (Wednesday), from 9:00 - 2:30. Registration and lunch is \$3.50. There will be child care for pre-school children. Please bring a sack lunch for them. Notify Pat Mullen (745-9154) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) if you plan to attend. Materials for 1983-84 will be introduced at this time.

MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The Church Women United sponsored May Fellowship Luncheon will be at Salem United Church of Christ at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 6. Cost is \$3.50. Theme this year is "There Is a Balm in Gilead". Fellowship of the Least Coin Offerings will be dedicated at this time. Give your money and reservations to Pat Mullen by this Friday, April 29. Attendance is limited to 200, so hurry!

"EXPLAINING DEATH & DYING TO CHILDREN.....AND TO MYSELF"

Sponsored by Klaehn Funeral Homes and the Fort Wayne P.T.A., this seminar will be May 11, 7:00-9:00 P.M., in the South Side High School Auditorium. Featured is Dr. Earl Grollman, author of many books on death and grief. This will be a significant help to all parents.

GARAGE SALE

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AREA CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DANCE

First Christian will host a dance for all area Disciples C.Y.F.'s on Friday, May 6, 7:30 - 11:00 P.M. C.Y.F.'ers are asked to bring a bag of munchies and whatever music you would like to hear. If you have questions, call Tony York at 447-1284. This is for 9th - 12th grades.

HEY!!! ALL YOU PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO LIKE TO HAVE FUN AND CAN SING, DANCE, PLAY ANY MUSIC, DO MONOLOGS, STAND ON YOUR HEAD, MAGIC ACTS, OR ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT BRING A LITTLE HAPPINESS TO OUR CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS, LET'S GET THOSE NAMES IN TO THE OFFICE OR CALL SCHELLIE SCHELL - 744-2773 OR MAX FINKHOUSEN - 456-9178.

P.S. This is not limited to people from our church. If you know anyone that would like to be in the vaudeville, let us know!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 1

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:25 A.M. Congregational Meeting
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment
Seminar

MONDAY, MAY 2

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:30 A.M. CWF Spring Workshop at
Kendallville
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Miriam
Bixenman's, 4430 Wil-
mette
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 6

12:00 NOON CWF May Fellowship Lun-
cheon at Salem United
Church of Christ

7:30 P.M. CYF Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 7

9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast

ATTENTION GOLFERS.....FIRST CHRISTIAN OPEN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

When: May 14.....10:30 A.M.

Where: Brookwood Golf Course

Awards and luncheon at Church
follows.

SIGN UP NOW!!!!!!!

CAMP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Letters have gone out with registration forms for the use of children and youth in 4th - 12th grades. Please return these to the office this week, to assure your choice of dates and your half scholarship. If you did not receive a form, contact Dick Hamm immediately.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-JUNE 20-24

This year's Bible School will be 9:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M., Monday-Friday. Mark your calendars now and watch for further information.

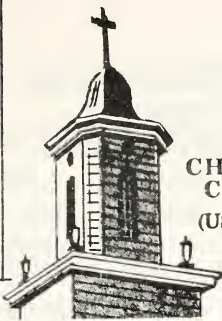
PLANNING CONFERENCE - June 11

All officers and those who are interested in working with the new committees, please note we will have a one day planning conference June 11, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. This is when program planning for 1983-84 will be done.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 2 - 8

Virginia Brown (2)
Mabel Cross (2)
Alyce Fuchshuber (2)
Michael Byers (2)
Inez Petty (3)
Arza Smith (4)
Helen Steigerwald (4)
Sharon Christoules (4)
Edna Johnson (5)
Lea Jackson (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)
Troy Pratt (7)
Jackie Keller (8)
Irene Wooldridge (8)
Dick Vanderwall (8)

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CAMP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

The first group of registrations have already been sent in for processing! Please get your registration in to the office this week, so that you get your choice of dates. The church will pay one-half of any member family's registration fee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are delighted to have Deloris Anspach join our fellowship. Deloris came from transferring from St. Paul United Methodist Church. She lives at 412 Maxine St. 46807, 745-0644.

RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

REPRESENTATIVES OF ELDERS - Val Taylor & Ennis Brown; REPRESENTATIVES OF DEACONESSSES - Betty Grimm & Eileen Klepfer; REPRESENTATIVES OF DEACONS - John Ohneck & Ron Flickinger; REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE - Vince Wells & Virginia Brown; MEMBERS OF THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Rolland Ripple & Mildred Hartman; NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS - OFFICERS - Nancy Wyant, Secretary; Mike Callahan, Treasurer; Sam Hayes, Memorial Funds Treasurer; COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - Merle Grimm, Stewardship; Delores Keebortz, Worship; Chip Olson, Personnel; Miriam Bixenman, Membership; Bob Johnson, Property. ELDERS (for two year terms) - Al Creager, Andy Cook, Ken Hawkins. DIACONATE (for two year terms) - John Ohneck, Earl Snouffer, Tim Briggs, Wes Westerfield, Jane Hahn, Liz Johnson, Mindy Hamm, Bette Haines.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 20 - 24 - 9:00 - 11:45 A.M.

SERVING MAY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Wilhelm-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, J. Young, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, N. Lucas-
NW, W. Johnson-SE, L. Finkhousen-NE,
E. Conrad, K. Flickinger, M. Fink-
housen, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
C. Schnobel, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Judy & Garnet Ford
10:45 A.M. Ken Taylor

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Snyder - C. Olson
Jt. Weicker - J. Hendricks
M. Bixenman - P. Mullen
V. Taylor - N. Lucas

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FIRST CHRISTIAN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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this outing Saturday, May 14,
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Eileen Klepfer - (747-3077)).

We will close the afternoon
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We'll play a Florida Scramble.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

You may not know that we are winding up a program year as of June 30. This means we will be planning during May and June for the new program year July '83 - June '84. This is an exciting process and you are invited to take part in the Planning Conference at the church June 11, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. even if you are not a committee member. Its great to see 50 or 60 people sit down to plan and watch an entire year fall into place!

This Sunday I will be preaching on "The Body As Temple". This may become a series; we shall see how it developes. Its been a long time, I think, since most mainline churches have dealt with this matter. I think you'll learn some new things about yourself and your body. My approach will be positive and helpful rather than the old "shake the finger at 'em" approach! Good health is part of the abundant life God has in mind for us.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE?

If you have ever wanted to serve on a functional committee of the church and have never been asked, now is your chance! June 11 the Lay Personnel Committee and the new Committee Chairmen are meeting to select committees for 1983-84. The Committees are Outreach & Service (responsible for goals, special offerings, and outreach education, Mike Mullens, Chairman); Membership (fellowship events, member services, Miriam Bixenman Chairman); Stewardship (education, campaign, Merle Grimm, Chairman); Christian Education (Sunday School, youth work, adult education, Nena Lucas, Chairman); Evangelism (enlisting new members, Judy Church, Chairman); Property (building and grounds maintenance, Bob Johnson, Chairman); Personnel (works with non-ministerial staff, Chip Olson, Chairman); Worship (worship services, decorations, special days, Delores Keebortz, Chairman).

Call Sandy Zimmerman (744-5698) or the church office to volunteer. This is an opportunity to see things from the "inside" and to have direct input into the life of the congregation. (The Lay Personnel Committee is already filled by By-laws provisions.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Marriage Enrichment
Seminar

MONDAY, MAY 9

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Fern
Kenline's, 2614 Abbey
Drive
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Casa
D'Angelos's, 3402 Fair-
field
7:15 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
and Committee Chairman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 7:00 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at the
church

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the
church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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DRAMA CLUB

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ALL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND!!!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 9 - 15

Dan Dickey (10)
Jo Franklin (10)
Carol Dunham (10)
Melvin Williamson (11)
Burl Feltenburger (12)
Willis Wuthrich (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
John Hechler (12)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Robert Nulf (13)
Bernice Schnobel (13)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary Alice Mullins (15)

DON'T MENTION AGE TO GRAND RAPIDS

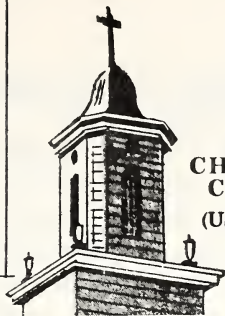
The Don't Mention Age Fellowship will be going to President Gerald Ford's museum in Grand Rapids, Tuesday, May 17. We'll leave at 7:30 A.M. by Indiana Motor Coach, and return in the evening. Cost is \$20.00 plus your lunch and dinner (your choice).

Please call the church office this week to register, since we have to reserve seats.

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CAMP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

The second group of registrations have now gone in! Please get your registration in this week. The church will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee. So far, 15 are going!

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Call Edna Nordblom if you would like your articles for the garage sale picked up by someone. Put any garage sale items on the stage.

BUS SERVICE BEGINNING JUNE 5 - DRIVERS NEEDED

The church will be establishing a bus route to pick up shut-ins and others beginning June 5. If you wish service, please call the church office (744-3239) and you will be accommodated, if possible.

We need two more drivers for Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to drive once a month, please call Dick Hamm as soon as possible. The church will pay for drivers' exams and licenses.

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10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Val Taylor

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ricks-NW, M. Busse, B. Briggs
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inger-NW, M. Hamm-SE, B. Wyant-NE,
J. Franklin, D. Rogers, P. Tobias,
B. Kerley

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert Pauley,
who will graduate from Texas
Christian University this Saturday,
May 14!

MAXWELL THE CAT - FOR YOUR IN-
FORMATION

The money which is received
by the "kitty" at coffee hour
is used to defray the cost of
refreshments. The Membership
Committee is responsible for
"Maxwell" and sees that the
excess is used for Membership
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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

5-8-83

Mrs. Mary Allen, 4414 Tacoma;
Mrs. Clara Zimmerman, North
Manchester, IN; Mr. & Mrs.
Malcolm Simmons, P.O. Box 45,
Dublin, IN; Rev. & Mrs. Larry
Shayer, #41 Posey Hill Park,
Roanoke, IN; Mr. & Mrs. George
Smith, Indianapolis, IN; Ed &
Jackie Mathews, Columbus, OH.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Wasn't the music Sunday fantastic! We are truly blessed to have so many talented persons in our congregation. The cello player was Sam Smith, who is a new member and principle cello for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. His wife, Nancy, has also shared her talents with us as she plays bass fiddle for the philharmonic! The choirs were beautiful and the soloists too. I really appreciate Jerry Zimmerman's flexibility in working with so many different musicians! We'll all have a chance to express our appreciation to the choirs on Chior Sunday, May 22.

I was not prepared for the overwhelmingly positive reaction to my sermon Sunday! It will be a series, although perhaps not on consecutive Sundays. The series will be available later in print and perhaps on tape.

Bruce Lehman said it Sunday....."I'm really excited about what Jesus Christ is doing in this church." Ditto, Bruce, Ditto.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

T.V. SPECIAL ON NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES

On Sunday, May 15, Noon, on Channel 33, Bishop James Armstrong, President of the N.C.C. and Bishop of the Methodist Church in Indiana, will present a 30 minute special about the work of the National Council. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the National Council of Churches.

Catch it if you can!

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10:30 A.M. First Christian Golf
Tournament at Brook-
wood Golf Course

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Drama Club Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:30 A.M. D.M.A. To Grand Rapids,
Michigan
7:40 P.M. Softball Game-Lawton #3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MAY 19

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 20 & 21

9:00 A.M. GARAGE SALE

ATTENTION CYF GROUP

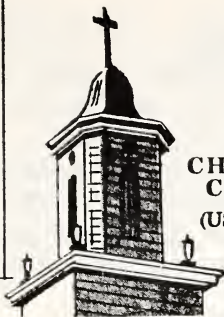
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MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:30
P.M.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 16-22

Ethel Birkhold (16)
Jane Vanderwall (16)
John Myers (16)
Sam Hayes (17)
Delores Overmyer (17)
Carolyn Webster (17)
Shannon Jones (18)
Muriel Wilson (19)
Jack Skelton (19)
Shirley Howell (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
William Houk (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Viola Gaskill (20)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Amy Hayes (21)
Edwin Day (22)

Theodore Parker describes the church we all want:

"Let us have a church that dares
Imitate the heroism of Jesus;
Seek inspiration as He sought it;
Judge the past as He;
Act on the present like Him;
"Pray as He prayed;
Work as He wrought;
Live as He lived.
Let us have a church for the whole man;
Truth for the mind,
Good work for the hands,
Love for the heart.
"And for the soul, that aspiration after perfection,
That unfaltering faith in God
Which, like lightning in the clouds,
Shines brightest when elsewhere it is most dark."



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CHOIR SUNDAY, THIS SUNDAY - GREAT MUSIC!

Please wear something red this Sunday as it is Pentecost.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The C.Y.F. cordially invites the congregation to a Graduate Recognition Breakfast this Sunday, 7:15 A.M. at Azars at US-27 and Tillman Rd. Laura Sauerwine and Sherri Melchi will be the guests of honor! Azars offers a breakfast bar with a wide variety of foods to choose from. Call Tony York (447-1284) to RSVP please.

MEETING NIGHT-Tuesday, May 24 - 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

ELDERS MEETING-Thursday, May 26 - 7:15 P.M. -- IMPORTANT!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING-Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 A.M. Baby-sitting provided.

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NW, J. Stucky, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SW, P. Mullen-
NW, R. Krull-SE, E. Klepfer-NE, K.
Place, J. Briggs, B. Briggs, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. G. Ferguson & W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - M. Hutchinson

C. Rice - Wm. Kerley

G. Miller - J. Stucky

B. Taylor - J. Jump

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PARKVIEW:

228 - Mr. Gary Myers

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

NOODLES, POWDERED MILK, MEAT,
P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

BUS WORK PARTY

This Saturday, 1:00 P.M.
any interested person is in-
vited to meet at AAMCO, 2127
S. Calhoun to help rearrange
seats on the bus. The job
will probably take two hours.

Thanks!

DRIVERS TO MEET SUNDAY

All those who will be driv-
ing the bus route beginning
June 5, are asked to meet in
the kitchen at 9:30 A.M. this
Sunday for a briefing.

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ceiving registration blanks in
the mail. Please invite your
friends and neighbors to share
this fun-filled week with us.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
5-15-83

Mr. & Mrs. Theron Shouse,
107 E. Hawthorne, Effingham,
ILL; Miss Vicki Martin, Box 64,
Coruna, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Cle-
ment Myers, Box 107, Cam-
bridge City, IN; Brooke Graham,
R.R. 2, Roanoke, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I had an interesting experience recently. I returned to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where I was born and lived till age 9. I remembered the church's sanctuary and my primary Sunday School room, and I wanted to see them again some 25 years later.

No one was in the office, so I took my camera and just wandered about the building. The sanctuary was exactly as I had remembered it, except, of course, that it had "shrunk" over the years. The primary classroom, too, was smaller but unmistakably the same I had attended as a first grader.

But then, a surprise. I happened to walk into the kitchen. Immediately an unbelievably warm feeling washed over me. Though I'd forgotten all about it, this had been one of the most significant rooms in the church for me. This was where, on countless occasions, I had watched my mom and other women of the church prepare for dinners and pot-lucks. I could almost smell the warm cherry pie and the fried chicken! I remember how those women would hug me and slip me pieces of pie and chicken. There was a lot more than food cooking in that kitchen!

I thought, "here is where my deep love for the church began! Here is where my desire for ministry began!" I hope we are all seeking to create this kind of warm, nurturing, safe, supportive atmosphere.....in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, everywhere.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. I will be in Indianapolis for meetings part of next week, but our secretary, Diane Johnson, or Mindy (745-4536) will be able to reach me at any time.

P.S.S. Yes, I know (for those who were in second service) there is no such word as "swum".....but there should be!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:30 P.M. All Church Picnic
4:30 P.M. Come Double Class
at Hillcrest Bowling
Lanes
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, MAY 23

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MAY 26

7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 23-29

Robert Clipp (23)
Jay Bixenman (23)
Fred Gaskill (24)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Don Smith (25)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)
Kristin Byers (26)
Eural Rose (27)
Pat Mullen (28)
Eugene Klepfer (28)
Genie Marcum (28)
Carolyn Gardner (29)
Kenneth Allen (29)
Chloe Connor (29)

ATTENTION!!!!

We now have a name for our drama group. It is "Spectrum". Remember this name as you are going to here it alot.

There will be a meeting this Sunday and every Sunday at 7:00 P.M. until further notice.

Anybody interested in any phase of drama or stage shows, from flunky to top banana are welcome!

A BELATED THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the gals who "spiffyed" up the kitchen.

Those with helping hands were: Edna Nordblom, Judy Church, Val Taylor, Peg Buskirk, Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Dianna Miller, Delores Overmyer, Candace Cole, Mary Lou Hartzler, and Janet Weicker.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

Bowling and dessert eating will be Sunday, May 22 at 4:30 P.M. at Hillcrest Bowling Lanes.

After bowling we will be going to Miriam Bixenman's and Peggy Buskirk's for dessert and coffee.

All members and former members are invited!

P.S. If you are coming and have not already let the president know, bring a dessert and come join us.

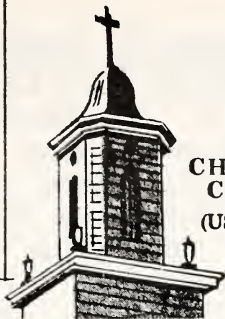
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Church Pictorial Directories should be here by the end of this month.

Watch the Tidings for further announcements regarding this.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GARAGE SALE - A SUCCESS!!!!

Due to the involvement of many First Christian Church members and friends our garage sale netted \$1,300.00 which is earmarked to be given to Basic Mission Finance. So many gave of their time and so many donated that it is impossible to list them all, however, Edna Nordblom, Miriam Bixenman, and Sandy Zimmerman deserve special mention for spear heading the sale, the lunch, and the baked goods. The sale was a monetary success but the real worth was the fun and fellowship shared by those who worked all week to get it ready.

Thank you all!!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING - CHANGED to 10:00 A.M., June 1, Wednesday.

SERVING MAY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Gene Klepfer

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J.
Young-NW, M. Wilhelm, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, K. Flick-
inger-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, M.

Crouse-NE, N. Lucas, L. Finkhousen,
W. Johnson, B. Wyant

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Hix, S. White

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt

10:45 A.M. Judy and Ralph Church

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Mary Wilhelm & Wayne Johnson

ACOLYTES

Mark Zimmerman & Julie Briggs

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ST. JOSEPH:

457 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

PARKVIEW:

228 - Mr. Gary Myers

CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Bethel & Lil-
lian Breeden on their 50th wedding
anniversary on Saturday, May 28!*

THANK YOU

*Thanks to all of you picnickers.
Especially to Sue & Bill Kerley &
Ennis & Gini Brown.*

A good time was had by all!!!

SUMMER SECRETARIAL SCHEDULE

Diane Johnson will be work-
ing 8:00 A.M. - Noon, Monday
through Friday during June,
July & August. Becky Cates
will be working from noon to
3:00 P.M. Becky has been
hired for the summer only. I'm
sure you'll find her pleasant
and efficient.

Dick

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

5-22-83

*Mr. Harry Griggs, Gaines-
ville, FL; Bob & Jean Olson,
8131 Oakland Rd, Indianapolis,
IN; Sue & Ed Allen, Wichita,
KS; Dwayne & Marilyn Kling-
shirn, 415 Kinnaird Ave.; Bob
& Alice Entwisle, 4282 Jan-
wood.*

NOTICE

The NAOMI GROUP WILL MEET ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, AT 11:30 A.
M. at Gwynth Rice's, 7001 Pre-
miere Dr. - POTLUCK!!!!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am serving on the Disciple's Indiana Commission on Higher Education which is responsible for funding, evaluating, and supporting campus ministry at colleges throughout the state. I've learned a lot through this committee work.

People frequently wonder why we do campus ministry ecumenically? For example, we at First Christian support a campus minister in Fort Wayne who is a Presbyterian. Of course, she does not try to make Presbyterians out of students, she just tries to minister to them. But still, why do campus ministry ecumenically?

There are three reasons, all beginning with "E".

1. Efficiency. Why have every campus crowded with several denominational ministers who would reduplicate one another's efforts and get in each others way?

2. Evangelism. Yes, evangelism. Students who come to a campus from a strong church background will likely seek out a congregation of their own denomination in their college town. They will probably have little need for or contact with the campus minister. But the campus minister will serve those students who have no denominational affiliation in a way to local denominational church could not. Many of these students, coming to a relationship with Christ through the campus ministry will later seek out and commit themselves to a particular local congregation after college.

3. Ecumenical. It is good for Christians of different backgrounds to work together! We learn from one another and broaden our perspective.

We help support campus ministry in Indiana through our budgeted giving. You can feel good about it!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 29

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, MAY 30

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Women's Study Group
10:00 A.M. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TEACHERS MEETING
7:00 P.M. Starshine

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 30-June 5

Larry Busse (30)
Jo Roseberry (30)
Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)
Arthur Chevalier (1)
Ellen Buchanan (2)
Necia Stucker (3)
David Rinker (5)
Morris Swift (5)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, TUNA, P-NUT
BUTTER, NOODLES, JELLO

"Ten Church members came to services all the time. One fell out and then there were nine.

Nine Church members stayed up late. One overslept, and then there were eight.

Eight Church members on their way to heaven. One took the low road and then there were seven.

Seven Church members chirping like chicks. One didn't like the music, then there were six.

Six Church members seemed much alive, but one got transferred, then there were five.

Five Church members pulling for heaven's shore, one got tired and then there were four.

Four Church members, busy as can be, but one got his feelings hurt, and then there were three.

Three Church members and the story's almost done, for two of them got weary and this left one.

Now everyone knows that one can't do much, but he brought a friend last week and now there are two.

Two Church members each won one more, everyone knows two plus two make four.

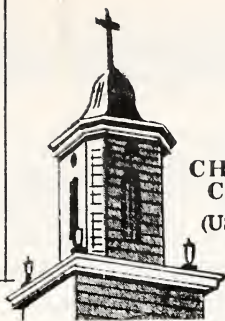
Four Church members worked early and late. Each brought one more now there are eight.

Have you got the message pointed and true? For these eight church members, if they doubled as before, in seven weeks we would have 1,024!!!!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is your child registered for Bible School? We have an enthusiastic group of teachers making plans for their classes and they have exciting Bible-based curriculum with which to work. Now, we need lots of eager children to make our vacation school a success! If you have not received a registration blank in the mail, please call the church office (744-3239) or Mindy Hamm (745-4536) and we will send one to you, or you may register in the Fellowship Hall after worship Sunday. The registration deadline is June 12 and class sizes are limited, so don't delay. Invite your friends and neighbors too; this is a great way to introduce new families to our church.

D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP

The D.M.A. Fellowship will meet Tuesday, June 7, at noon, for a pot-luck dinner followed by a field trip to the Fort Wayne Water Filtration Plant. Everyone is welcome, of course. We will return to the church by 2:30 P.M. Cost is \$.50.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 7 at 7:30 P.M.

SOFTBALL GAME - TUESDAY, JUNE 7 - 6:35 P.M. at Lawton #3

THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON - "COPING WITH STRESS"

Read Matthew 6:25-34

SERVING JUNE 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and
Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, B. Kerley, D. Church

10:45 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, C. Olson-
NW, K. Place-SE, D. Rogers-NE, M.
Hamm, K. Rogers, P. Tobias, P. Mul-
len

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
T. York, C. Schnobel

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Kathryn Cullen

10:45 A.M. Debra Stam & Jerry Warner

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bill Kerley & Eileen Klepfer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - R. Flickinger

M. Snyder - M. Callahan

L. York - J. Franklin

E. Klepfer - J. Hendricks

ACOLYTES

Sara Mullen & Tracy Kiessling

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mrs. Ellen Buchanan will be
98 years young this week on
June 2!

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
ELECTIONS SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. will have their
annual elections this Sunday
at 5:30 P.M. Candidates for
office must be present to be
elected.

MORE GRADUATES!

In addition to Laura Sauer-
wein and Sherri Melchi, sever-
al others graduated this year:
Lisa Mullins and Wade Smith
graduated from high school and
Sara Davis finished her B.A.
in music! Also Robbie Pauley
from C.T.S.

FAVORITE HYMN?

If you have a favorite hymn,
or hymns, please pass the word
to Dick Hamm so we can use it
in worship. The Worship Com-
mittee would like to use your
favorites whenever possible.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Fruit, P-Nut Butter, Jello,
Powdered Milk

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Thel-
ma Swift in the death of her sister
last week.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER BEGINNING

The new quarter begins June 5. Classes are as follows:

Nursery II (two year olds) - teacher, Betty Grimm

Nursery III (threes & fours) - teachers, Becky Glasgow & Becky Stucky

2nd & 3rd grade - teachers, John & Kris Ohneck

4th & 5th grade - teacher, Schellie Schell

6th - 8th grade - teacher, Doug & Karen Rogers

9th - 12th grade - teacher, Eileen Klepfer

Our thanks to retiring teachers, Al Creager, Leesa Jump and Pat and Mike Mullen. In addition to the above staff, we are grateful to Rosemary Krull, Betty Briggs, and Nena Lucas, who continue to serve as substitutes.

Pray for these persons and for our Sunday School Program! Of course, we also have five adult classes for you to choose from!

NEW AGENCY STARTING UP - NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Daybreak, Inc., a new social service agency dealing with child abuse, is starting up in a few weeks and is now enlisting volunteers. If you are interested in serving in any of the following capacities, please call Dick Hamm: Assistant child care person, clerical help, transportation aide, cook's helper, maintenance assistant, fund raiser, PR person. Persons may work any day, any number of hours.

Daybreak will provide temporary shelter for abused children and help for abusing parents.

THE HAWKINS MOVE TO TEXAS

We hate to lose them, but send them with our blessings and prayers! Ken and Linda Hawkins, and Jeff, have moved to Texas after only a few months with us. Ken has new opportunities there. We'll miss them greatly!

Many thanks to Bruce Lehman for also helping with the church picnic.

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BUS TRANSPORTATION

If you would like bus transportation to worship, please call the church office to make arrangements.

THIS IS IT

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND VAUDEVILLE

SOCIAL - 3:00 - 3:45

VAUDEVILLE - 3:45

Will be held on June 26, 1983 at First Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
 7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

11:00 A.M. Ruth Group at Richards
 Restaurant at Times
 Corner (Old Lucky
 Steer Restaurant)
 12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck and then
 tour the Ft. Wayne Wa-
 ter Filtration Plant
 7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET-
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 A.M. Women's Study Group
 7:00 P.M. Starshine
 7:30 P.M. Martha Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the
 church

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 A.M. Planning Conference for
 committees

Dear Friends,

A belated note or two here, since I was gone last week. Wasn't choir Sunday terrific? I wish to express my appreciation to the entire music staff for an excellent year musically: Ann Hayes, Director; Jerry Zimmerman, Organist; Shirley Callahan, Children's Choir Director; Diane Mory, Children's Accompanist. Also, we are truly blessed with an abundance of musical talent....vocal and instrumental. To each of you, thanks for making our worship more meaningful and deeper!

The Wiltfong's will be with us very soon (June 13); in fact, Don is planning on being at the planning conference on June 11. I'll have more to say about this later.

I hope you'll be with us for "Coping With Stress" Sunday! See you then!

Love,

Dick

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 6-12

Ralph Church (6)
 Terry Walters (6)
 Stanley Cole (7)
 Stephan Taulbee (7)
 Virginia Snouffer (7)
 Pat Bennett (8)
 Ron Kiger (8)
 Mel Busse (9)
 Chad Cline (9)
 Virginia Englehart (9)
 Clarence Hetrick (9)
 Irene Kissinger (9)
 Bill Howard (10)
 David Johnston (10)
 Sally Cotton (10)
 Bev Hendricks (12)
 Jody Brown (12)

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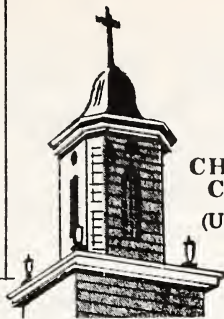
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Miss Jean Hitchcox, 3228 Lo-
 gan Street.

HELP TO MOVE WILTFONG'S

The Wiltfong's will be moving this Sunday, June 5. We need two volunteers to help them load Sunday afternoon, and two or so more to help unload Monday. Please call Dick immediately if you can help.

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INSTALLATION OF DON WILTFONG SET FOR JUNE 19, 10:15 A.M.

We will have Sunday School at 9:00 A.M. and one worship service at 10:15 A.M. on June 19 when Don Wiltfong will be installed as our new Associate Minister. A reception will follow the service. Dr. Vinton Bradshaw will be present to represent the Region.

PLANNING CONFERENCE THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Everyone is invited to take part in the annual planning conference this Saturday, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., at the church. We will be planning our program for the next year. Committee members are expected to be present, but everyone else is welcome as well. Lunch will be served and babysitting will be provided.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Sunday is the last day to register for Vacation Bible School. So far we have almost forty children planning to attend, but we would like to see many more come. The school will be June 20 - 24; 9:00 - 11:45 each morning except Wednesday when each child is asked to bring a sack lunch and stay until 1:00 P.M. There will be a closing program Friday evening at 7:30 P.M. to which all parents and friends are invited. Please call the church office to register or fill out a registration blank in Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Bus will begin pick-ups this Sunday, June 12. If you wish to ride and have not done so, please call the church immediately. No charge!

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 - 7:30 A.M.

SOFTBALL GAME - Tuesday, June 14, 6:35 P.M., Lawton Park #2

SERVING JUNE 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, M. Busse, V. Brown

10:45 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Briggs-
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Falbe, R. Krull, E. Klepfer, J.
Franklin

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D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, B. Haines

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Myrtle & Bill DeVinney

10:45 A.M. Mike & Pat Mullen

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ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Tammy Davis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sue Skelton

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF NEWS

A correction to what was printed last week: Margaret Snouffer is teaching 2nd & 3rd grade, the Oh-necks and Mindy Hamm are teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade.

CORRECTION... Robbie Pauley graduated from T.C.U. in Ft. Worth, not C.T.S.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO,
POWDERED MILK

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for their visits, cards, etc., during my stay in the hospital.
Helen Reynolds

Thanks!

Thanks to Vince Wells and Earl Plummer who painted and refurbished Don Wiltfong's office.

Thanks to Jack Bennett and Jerry Zimmerman for loading the Wiltfong's in Indianapolis and to Jim Stucky and Steve Creager for unloading here.

Thanks to the Brigg's family for painting the neat Bible School sign! Thanks, too, to the many workers who prepared the recent neighborhood mailer on Bible School.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

6-5-83

Betty Miller, Villa of the Woods, 5610 Noll Avenue; Miss Deborah Scheuerer, 15325 Comer Road; Mr. Rick Krauter, 11730 U.S. 30 East; Mrs. Dre Knight, 2611 Trentman, Mrs. Sandra Mattingly, R. R. 3, Bloomington, ILL.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nick Keirn, member, who wed Laura Knight at the church Saturday!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank the congregation for your excellent stewardship! Because you give, people are fed, the love of God is made known, and countless people are receiving ministry! Even though many of us are hurting from the recession, those of us who can give are doing so! Our budget needs to date are \$67,840, and our offerings received to date are \$67,848! This budget need includes our new associate, so his arrival will not put an additional burden on our finances. What can we say about all this! Thank you and praise God!

Part II of "Coping With Stress" will be this Sunday. We'll look at the emotional and spiritual aspects of the matter. Read Matthew 6:25-34 again, in preparation.

Let's all be praying for the Wiltfongs as they begin to get settled in! Don will officially begin with us Monday, June 13, but he will be present at the Planning Conference this Saturday.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

RED'S BASEBALL! ALL WELCOME!

The Don't Mention Age Fellowship will be going to Cincinnati August 27, Saturday, at 9:00 A.M., returning 9:00 P.M., via church bus. Some seats are available for non-D.M.A. members. If you would like to go along, call the church office as soon as possible. Cost is \$10.00 (includes transportation and ticket). Bring a brown bag or buy meals. Only a few seats - first come, first served!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ELECTS
NEW OFFICERS

The C.Y.F., our high school fellowship, elected new officers Sunday evening. Chosen to serve were Eric Zimmerman, President; Tony York, Vice-President; Bob Briggs, Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations. Tony York also serves as a member of the Indiana Youth Commission of the Christian Church.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Morgan's Restaurant at Baer Field
6:35 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton Park #2

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Women's Study Group
7:00 P.M. Starshine

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

12:00 NOON Fellowship Guild Salad
Potluck at the Mildred's,
422 W. Oakdale

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 13-19

Susan Thompson (13)
Laura Tomes (13)
Mike Watson (14)
Doug Allen (15)
Clinton Crowe (15)
Valetta Parlette (15)
Marc Sneden (15)
Mary King (16)
Josephine Weyer (16)
Andy Cook (17)
Gene Auer (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Gloria Horine (19)
Robert Coleman (19)
Linda Johnstone (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Bill Schilling, Sr. (19)
Esther Whitton (19)

SAVE THIS DATE - JUNE 26

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FAVORITE HYMN?

If you have a favorite hymn, or hymns, please pass the word to Dick Hamm so we can use it in worship. The Worship Committee would like to use your favorites whenever possible!

THANK YOU TO DICK AND MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Many, many thanks for the beautiful plant. What a surprise and thoughtful gesture to show your appreciation. I feel, however, that I should be showering you with flowers for being such a terrific "boss" and enthusiastic congregation.

Thank you, too, for our enjoyable years together, and may the 1983-84 choral season be a period of growth, harmony, and accomplishment. God bless you all,

Ann Hayes

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ONE SERVICE - INSTALLATION

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 19
10:15 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.

INSTALLING
DONALD K. WILTFONG
AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dr. Hamm, Preaching

DR. VINTON BRADSHAW, REGIONAL REP.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING
WELCOME DON, BETH, AND LUCY!

The Rev. Don Wiltfong comes to us from Indianapolis where he has just completed the Master of Divinity degree at Christian Theological Seminary. Don was born in California, and went to college in Eugene, Oregon at Northwest Christian College (majoring in Bible). He has served churches in Oregon, Illinois, and Indiana while in school. Don and Beth have a four month old daughter, Lucy. They are temporarily living at Southtown Villa Apartments, 1363 Fayette Drive, 46816. Their phone is 447-2995.

We are delighted to have the Wiltfongs with us in Fort Wayne and know that God will richly bless Don's ministry here at First Christian Church.

SAVE THIS DATE - JUNE 26 - HURRY GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

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SERVING JUNE 19

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Val Taylor and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, M. Fink-
housen-NW, R. Krull-SE, E. Klepfer-
NE, K. Place, J. Briggs, B. Briggs,
J. Jump

USHERS

10:15 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson, M. Crouse

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

10:15 A.M. John & Kris Ohneck

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - S. Knuckles

D. Keebortz - E. Klepfer

G. Miller - K. Flickinger

M. Hartman - B. Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Joan Franklin & Jim Jump

ACOLYTES

Denay & Jackie Ohneck

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rachel Group

NOTICE

There will be a meeting on
Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30 P.M.,
in the conference room to set
up an all church camp out. If
you would like to camp with
the pro's, but don't have
equipment, we'll find it for
you.

Ben & Val Taylor

**YOUTH TRIP TO CEDAR POINT -
AUGUST 10**

All youth, those entering
6th grade thru post high school
are invited to spend a thrill-
ing day at Cedar Point. Cost
will be \$16.50 per person.
This will cover cost of ticket,
bus, and the evening meal.
Make check payable to First
Christian Church. We have
room on the bus for 32 people,
so get your reservation in
early!

THANK YOU

We would like to express our
appreciation and heartfelt thanks
to everyone for their support and
prayers during Gary Myers stay in
the hospital.

John & Janet Myers

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jerry Warner
as his daughter, Gale, was elected
"Little Sister of the Year" at
their annual banquet last week!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER, POW-
DERED MILK, CRACKERS

DO YOU HAVE A WOOD BURNER PEN
THAT BETTY BRIGGS CAN USE FOR
BIBLE SCHOOL? CALL ME AT 436-
2798 or 478-1012. THANKS.

**AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
6-12-83**

Don & Beth Wiltfong, 1363
Fayette Dr.; Miss Michelle Gro-
bey, Muncie, IN; Mrs. Ann Green-
field, 1811 Woodhaven Avenue;
Mr. W. R. Byers

THANKS

The bus is now being used for
regular Sunday morning pick-ups
thanks to a special gift from
Jack & Betty Jones. Call the
church office if you wish a
ride.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Our staff is finally complete again! What an exciting time for me, personally, and for all of us. It will take Don awhile to get his feet on the ground, of course, but he is an easy man to work with and the future looks bright for a long happy relationship between Don and First Christian Church.

I am deeply appreciative of the turn out for the Planning Conference Saturday. We had nearly 50 persons present and the preliminary results look fine, indeed! My thanks to all chairmen and committee members.

I hope everyone can be present this Sunday for Don's installation and the reception honoring him and Beth. I'll be preaching about the ministry and the church.

If anyone wishes a cassette recording of the two stress sermons, call the church office. \$1.50 would pay for the tape.

Have a good week. Remember that God loves you! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

At long last, our pictorial directories are here! You may pick up a copy Sunday in the Narthex. They look very nice. Thanks to Bruce Lehman who chaired this project, and to the many volunteers who helped.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gail Westfield who received the Wm. C. Clay, Jr. writing award for the outstanding research essay as a freshman at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY.

Also, to Merle Grimm who received a "Gold Service Recognition Medallion Award" from the American Heart Association last week.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS: India, drought

Serious shortages food, water, in large areas India. Four states in south badly affected. Rajasthan suffering drought fifth consecutive year. Orissa efforts to replant flood-ravaged crops wasted because no winter rains. Tamilnadu villagers coming to cities in search of water find water rationed! Critical period between now and September harvest -- providing summer monsoon rains normal.

Churches appeal for help to feed 190,000 people in 10 states for next few months. Food in return for work on projects to deepen dried-up reservoirs, canals, wells to hold water when rains come.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 A.M. Church School
10:15 A.M. One Worship Hour with
reception following

7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School

7:30 P.M. Meeting to set up an
All-Church Camp Out

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School

9:00 A.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School

7:00 P.M. OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS
& FRIENDS FROM VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS: con't.

Church World Service acting on
your behalf.

Contributions may be sent through
Week of Compassion, P.O. Box 1986,
Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Marilynne Hill, admin. dir.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT

Wouldn't it be great if there
were some way that denominations
could work together to come up with
a plan of Bible study so adult Sun-
day School classes in various de-
nominations could study the same
Bible passages at the same time?

Wouldn't it be great if Christian
people in this country could work
together in disaster relief when
hurricanes, floods, tornadoes strike
anywhere in the world?

(con't next column)

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 20-26

Joan Penny (20)

Roxy Wunderlich (20)

Orie McDougle (21)

Norma Sterling (21)

Jo Flickinger (23)

Henry Flowers (23)

Kurt Schryver (23)

Jack Weicker (23)

LeAnn Urich (23)

Mamie Miller (24)

Norma Andrew (26)

Amelia Dare (26)

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT CON'T.

Wouldn't it be great if a
group of Christians working
together could help resettle
refugees from Cuba and other
places where totalitarian
governments make life diffi-
cult?

Wouldn't it be great if a
church organization addressed
human rights outrages such as
Russian interference in Afghan-
istan?

Wouldn't it be great if
there were an agency that
would coordinate a program to
provide resources for local
church education and evangelism
and tools for stewardship?

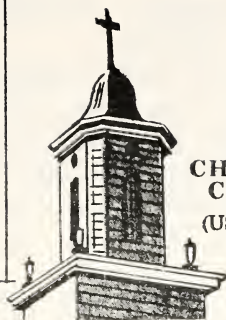
Wouldn't it be great if
churches in places ravaged by
war and revolution could have
food and clothing to distri-
bute to the damaged people?

Wouldn't it be great if
there were a place where Chris-
tians out of different tradi-
tions and emphases work toget-
her, even when they disagree?

There is such an agency, such
an organization, such working
together. It's called the Na-
tional Council of Churches.

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C.Y.F. POTLUCK & SWIM PARTY TO WELCOME WILTFONGS

All high school youth are invited to a swim and potluck at 2:00 P.M. at the Brigg's, 5807 Fernwood, this Saturday. We will eat at 4:00 P.M. Let's welcome Don, Beth, and Lucy! Meat will be provided, but please bring a non-meat dish.

Youth entering 9th grade in the fall are also invited!

NEW COMMITTEES MEET JUNE 28, TUESDAY - 7:15 P.M.

The new committees need to meet on June 28 to review and make final adjustments in their plans for 1983-84. Property, Christian Education, Evangelism, Lay Personnel, Membership, Worship, Personnel, Outreach and Service, and Stewardship will meet.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & VAUDEVILLE SHOW

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THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON - "HEIRS ACCORDING TO PROMISE"

SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3:23-29

SERVING JUNE 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, J. Young, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. C. Olson-SW, P. Mullen-NW, M. Hamm-SE, P. Tobias-NE, K. Rogers, D. Rogers, K. Place, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, B. Hix

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bob & Ruth Ogles

10:45 A.M. Bill & Nancy Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Joan Franklin & Jim Jump

ACOLYTES

Krista Rogers & Amy Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

**HUNTINGTON CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
SPECIAL**

Central Christian in Huntington is sponsoring a concert by Gary McSpadden of the Gaither Trio on Sunday, June 26, 3:00 P.M., in Huntington North Auditorium. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.

BIBLE SCHOOL IN FULL SWING

By the time you read this our Bible School will be almost over. We began on Monday morning with almost 60 children and 19 adults present. The climax of the week will be a Celebration of Praise and Open House Friday evening at 7:30 P.M. At this time, the children will share songs they have learned, receive attendance certificates, and take home the projects they have completed during the school. All church members and friends are urged to attend and see what we have learned this week as "God's People: Praising God".

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-115 - Mrs. Charlene Craig

CONGRATULATIONS

Melanie Frances McGuire and Bruce Ellis Hillner became husband and wife June 11, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Fruit, Oats, Noodles,
Powdered Milk

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

6-19-83

Miss Doris & Tiffany Walton,
308 W. Rudisill; Mrs. Carolyn
Stevens, 1541 Mirror Lake Dr.,
Naperville, ILL; Mr. Chuck
Hamm, Atlanta, GA.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a great day Sunday. I have a really good feeling about all of this! Vinton Bradshaw gave an excellent "charge" which I needed to hear as much as Don. Thanks to Sam Smith and Ginny Johnson for lovely special music.

I hope you got to meet my brother Sunday. That was the first time in years that Chuck has been able to worship in the church I was serving. He's very special to me.

Well, things just couldn't look much better from where I'm sitting. We have an excellent staff in place and some excellent plans for the new year! Thank you for making it all happen and for your openness to God's leading. Now, let's do some serious growing!

A hearty "thank you" is due those members of the 1982-83 Board who are retiring. These include Mildred Hartman, (who has served as a most capable Chairman of Elders), Karen Flickinger, Bill Kerley, Mildred Hutchinson, Susan Knuckles, Jerry Zimmerman, and Earl Plummer. Thank you for an excellent year and for helping to create a truly creative and helpful Board during my first year with you!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

This last week I have felt like a novice. I didn't know which cupboard to look in to find paper, where the Adult Sunday School Classes met; I fumbled around Lutheran Hospital searching for the correct rooms; while driving I found myself suddenly in turn lanes when I had no desire to turn. Everything is new, and I have no routines to rely on.

This week I feel different. I still don't know where things are, I'm still unfamiliar with the hospitals and the roads. But after the Installation Service Sunday, I feel more at home. You were all very kind in welcoming Beth and I, and Sunday helped us feel a sense of belonging in this loving church.

Don

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 3:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social &
 Vaudeville

MONDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast
 7:00 P.M. Starshine

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 27 - July 3

Lois Buchanan (27)
 George Hosfield (28)
 Mildred Linn (28)
 Scott Rayl (29)
 Dwain Graham (28)
 Thomas Rayl (29)
 Karen Buzzard (29)
 Mildred Hartman (29)
 Cheryl Busse (30)
 Leesa Jump (30)
 Schellie Schell (1)
 Marilyn Butler (1)
 Steve Kreischer (2)
 Sue Skelton (2)
 Monette Wetzel (2)
 Shirley Dibble (3)

VanAlstine Estate Witnesses to His Faith

Willis VanAlstine died December 18, 1981. But he left a living legacy by including First Christian Church in his will. By doing so, he has made possible the following: approximately \$10,000 to our endowment fund, \$10,000 to our church vocational scholarship fund, \$10,000 to our property fund which purchased insulation, steam valves and fans for the building which increased our energy efficiency tremendously, and \$10,000 to several mission concerns including jail ministry, Basic Mission Finance, the Indiana Region of the Christian Church, and as you saw Sunday, \$3,000.00 to Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis! What a gift to the work of the Kingdom. This is surely Christian Stewardship of accumulated resources!

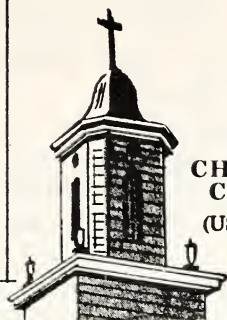
The following youth have registered for camp this summer:

6/27 - 7/2 Barbee Jennifer Byers, Tammy Davis
 7/10 - 7/16 Indian Lake (Music, Art, Drama) Eric Zimmerman, Ken Perkins,
 7/11 - 7/16 Barbee Mark Zimmerman & Tony York
 7/18 - 7/23 Barbee Krista Rogers, Sara Mullen
 7/18 - 7/23 Bedford Chanel Novachcoff
 7/24 - 7/31 Barbee Tony York, Bob Briggs, Julie Briggs, Kevin Mory
 7/31 - 8/6 Barbee Sherri Melchi, Eric Mory
 7/31 - 8/6 Indian Lake Kristen Byers
 8/7 - 8/13 Smokey Mountains - Tim Briggs

If anybody would still like to register for camp, please call the church office (744-3239).

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BOARD-JULY 5 - SUPPER AT HAMM'S

The Board will meet for a cook-out at Hamm's on Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 P.M. (1031 W. Sherwood Terrace - one block west of Old Mill). Please bring a salad, or a vegetable or a dessert (bring only one dish). Meat, drinks, etc. will be provided. Bring a lawn chair, if you wish.

DON'T MENTION AGE TO WARSAW

The D.M.A. is going to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse this Wednesday, July 6. We will leave the church at 6:30 P.M. and return about 11:00 P.M. Call the office (744-3239) immediately to get on board. We'll be seeing Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song", music by Marvin Hamlisch.

BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS

Our Bible School last week was a great success! Average attendance for the five mornings was 57 children and 21 teachers and helpers. The building was full of activity as the classes explored various ways of praising God. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following teachers who gave so willingly of their time and talents: Karen Flickinger, Shirley Callahan, Nena Lucas, Nancy Smith, Bette Haines, Nancy Wyant, Mimi Westerfield, Betty Briggs, Diane Mory, Pat Mullen, and Judy Church. A special thank-you to Jack Bennett who drove the church bus which transported eleven children each day. I would also like to thank Sara Davis and Ruth Plummer for leading our group singing and Vince & Connie Wells who secured and prepared our nutritious snacks. Thanks also to all who donated food and Kool-Aid. I feel like this program was really a total church effort and a service to the community.

Mindy Hamm
Vacation Bible School Director

SERVING JULY 3
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Andy Cook

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, J. Ohneck, V. Brown
10:45 A.M. T. York-SW, E. Klepfer-
NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, K. Flickinger-
NE, D. Rogers, L. Finkhousen, W.
Johnson, P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, S. Creager

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - L. Finkhousen
R. Church - J. Briggs
S. Hayes - M. Hamm
D. Vanderwall - J. Hahn

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Phyllis Tobias & Nena Lucas

ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Eric Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Dan Flickinger for repairing the wheel chair for the church.

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT

All Church Camp Out will be July 16 & 17 at Chain-O-Lakes State Park. All who would like to join the group, call the church office (744-3239).

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Although I was not involved very directly with the Vacation Bible School, nonetheless it was the highlight of this past week for me. The classes were well led and the students were enthusiastic (as masses of children are apt to be). It is of such concern, set in the context of learning about God, that the church arises. The foundationstones for the church of the next generation are being laid.

"And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

(Mark 9:36-37)

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Almeda Rice in the death of her sister, Irene Clifton.

HOSPITALIZED

Lulu Jenkins, Fred Jenkin's mother, is in Lutheran Hospital having had a severe stroke.

Charlene Craig has gone home from Lutheran.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Fruit, Oats, Noodles,
Powdered Milk

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

6-26-83

Pat Flennerly, 313 Corwin Lane,
Miss Cheryl Laymon, 6506 Covington Road, 320-A; Mr. & Mrs. R. Quinn, Columbus, OH; Mrs. Ronda Chappell, 2305 W. 92nd Avenue, Denver, Col.

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OM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This is an exciting time in the life of the church. All the new program committees are pulling their plans together for the new year. These will go to the Board for review and action next week. There are some great new ideas and programs on tap for 83-84!

I spied this article by Erma Bombeck in a friend's newsletter. Amen and Amen.

SO LONG VOLUNTEERS

I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this land had to sail for another country. I stood smiling on the pier, shouting good-bye, phone committees. Good-bye, disease-of-the-month. No more getting out the vote. No more playground duty, bake sales and three-hour meetings."

As the boat got smaller, I reflected: "Serves them right, that bunch of yes people. All they had to do was to put their tongues firmly against the roofs of their mouths and make an "o" sound---no. It would certainly have spared them a lot of grief. Oh, well, who needs them?"

The hospital was quiet as I passed it. The reception desk was vacant. Rooms were devoid of books, flowers and voices. The children's wing held no clowns, no laughter.

The home for the aged was like a tomb. The blind listened for a voice that never came. The infirm were imprisoned in wheelchairs that never moved. Food grew cold on trays that would never reach the hungry.

The social agencies had closed their doors---unable to implement their programs of scouting, recreation, drug control; unable to help the retarded, crippled, lonely and abandoned. Health agencies had signs in their windows: "Cures for cancer, birth defects, multiple sclerosis, heart diseases, etc., have been canceled because of lack of interest."

The schools were strangely quiet, with no field trips and no volunteer classroom aides. Symphony Hall and the museums that had been built and stocked by volunteers were dark and would remain that way.

The flowers on church altars withered and died. Children in day nurseries lifted their arms, but there was no one to hold them in love. Alcoholics cried out in despair, but no one answered. The poor had no recourse for health care or legal aid.

I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of a decent civilization.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 5

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

6:30 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Drive

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 4-10

Martha Cole (4)
Michael Coleman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Terry Wuthrich (5)
Paul Waugh (5)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Louis Chaser (7)
Glenna Smith (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)

AREA I NEW CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Area I New Church Committee will meet at North Christian Church at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, July 7.

THIS WEEK IN CAMP ---

Jennifer Byers and Tammy Davis are at Camp Barbee this week.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Have you ever wondered what you, personally, can do about the world's hunger problems? Thanks to a Christian citizen's group called Bread For The World, you can have a significant impact personally. On Sunday, July 10, you will have an opportunity during the Sunday School hour to check out this organization. More later.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL A GREAT SUCCESS

The Spectrum Drama Group raised \$145.00 Sunday at its Ice Cream Social & Vaudeville Show. A good time was had by all! Thanks to the congregation for your support.

SERMON SUNDAY

"Johan and the Fourth of July"

Text: Jonah 1:1-3, Jeremiah 51:34,44.

"Jonah" is one of the "Twelve Prophets" which are placed together in the Old Testament. Jonah is a parable directed to Israel. What could this little book possibly have to say to the United States in 1983? Plenty! Reread the story in preparation for Sunday.

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FOOD BANK REPORT....JANURARY 1, 1983 thru JUNE 30, 1983

Number of family units served	143
Number of individuals served	552
Number of first time clients served	95
Number of repeat clients served	48
Number of Senior Citizens served	10

545 were served 3 meals for 3 days or 4745 individual meals.

We are still in need of volunteers who can fill the food orders. Our aim is to have enough volunteers so that the volunteer will only have to work 1 day from 9 a.m. to noon, once every 3 weeks. Interested persons should contact the church office (744-3239) for information.

TRAINING FOR NEW DIACONATE

New members of the Diaconate will have a training session this Saturday, July 16, 9:30 a.m., at church. We will review how to serve communion and the other functions of deacons and deaconesses.

YOUTH TRIP TO CEDER POINT

Youth trip to Cedar Point on August 10 - Call Church office before August 1 for more details.

SERVING JULY 17

ELDERS

8:15 Laura York and

Jack Weicker

10:45 Miriam Bixenman and

William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, K. Place-NW,
V. Brown, I. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, M. Mullen-

NW, J. Ohneck-SE, T. York-NE, L.

Johnson, M. Hamm, B. Haines, E.

Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,

J. Myers

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,

J. Bennett, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Eric Zimmerman & Ken

Perkins

10:45 A.M. Trudy & Jim Heavin

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - J. Stucky

A. cook - E Klepfer

E. Brown

G. Klepfer - K. Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson & John Ohneck

ACOLYTES

Todd McBride & Dennis Hendrickson

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

Bill Kerley - 438

PARKVIEW:

Barb Hayes - 250

LUTHERAN

Lulu Jenkins - 664

Ralph Keller - 593

Ameila Dare - 596

Esther Whitton - 566

THANK YOU

Thank you all for the many visits and cards I received during my stay in the hospital.

A special thank you to Dick Hamm, Don Wiltfong, Karen Flickinger & Janet Weicker for their visits.

Charlene Craig

RED'S BASEBALL AUGUST 27

There are still plenty of seats available for the Saturday, Aug. 27 trip to Cincinnati for a Red's game. We will go in the church bus, so the cost of game and ride is only \$10. We will stop for meals or you may bring brown bag. We will leave at 9 a.m. and return about 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Make your reservation now by giving a check or cash of \$10 per person to the office or Dick Hamm.

ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

There are no more reserved camp sites available for "All Church Campout" July 16 - 17, but you might find a site near by on a first come basis. Come join us Sat. night for the pot luck.

AT CAMP

Last week Bruce Lehman was a counselor for the regional sports camp. This week Eric Zimmerman, Tony York, and Ken Perkins will be at the Music, Art, and Drama camp at Indian Lake.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Sometimes as parents we expect too much of our children, or we grow impatient with their childishness (even though they are children!). I guess this is because we have our own "adult" agendas.

Having my folks with us for a couple of weeks has been good for me as a father. Our visiting and storytelling and remembering reminds me of how my parents took time to delight in my childish ways and encouraged my creativity even when it meant holes in the back yard, lost tools, and an occasional disaster in the living room! It seems to me that I have seen the joyous side of my childhood and seldom took me or them too seriously. That's a lesson every parent needs to relearn every so often. I hereby proclaim that I shall take my own pressures a little less seriously and give my kids a little more space and a little more of my time and attention.

Jesus said, "except as you become as children, you shall never enter the kingdom." That's worth thinking about. Whatever our age, a key to the kingdom is reveling in the joy of discovery and a deep sense of wonder.

Next time Laura wants me to see a butterfly (moth) in the garden, I think I'll go and see it! Next time Dave wants me to play catch, I think I'll resolve not to be too tired.....no matter how tired I am. I think that there is new life and energy to be discovered in doing these things. I think all of us adults tend to take ourselves and our agendas too seriously!

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

P.S. No, there was no Tidings last week, that was a decision I made Tuesday after a holiday shortened the week and there was little news. I am pleased that so many missed it...that means it is important to us!

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT HUNGER?

Come and find out at the first Bread For The World Meeting to be held here at First Christian on Tuesday, July 19, 7:15 p.m. Join with Christians from all over town and learn what you can do! Call Dick Hamm if you have questions.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday July 19, 8:20 p.m. at Franke Park

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JULY 18

7:00 P.M. Calling night

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 18-24

George Davis (18)
Warren Webster (21)
Jane Hahn (22)
Tom Harter (22)
Randy Lewis (22)
Sherri Best (22)
Mary Wilhelm (23)
Cora McKinney (23)
Forrest Smith (24)
Edith Roush (24)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, NOODLES,
CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED
MILK, OATS

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In the last cabinet meeting of president Carter's administration, each member of his cabinet was given a chance to say something of their four years of service. Some talked about triumphs, what they had been able to accomplish. Some reflected on defeats and failures. One member summed up the administration without apology: "We told the truth. We obeyed the law. We kept the peace. And that ain't bad."

At the time when we have just celebrated our country's 207th Anniversary of independence, maybe a similar assessment of our country can be made. We have many national achievements to be proud of. We have some events in our past of which to be ashamed. We have had our triumphs and our frustrations.

We will always have a mix of good and bad in our life as a nation. No social system, no matter how good, will ever bring the kingdom of God to earth. Our status quo will never have absolute divine sanction, nor will any alternative to it. Yet each generation is called to strive for justice and the cause of the dignity of all humanity in its own time.

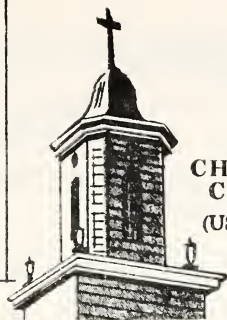
The kingdom of God does not rest in the institutions we build. The kingdom is not elected with this or that candidate. But the kingdom, God's rule, is among us as we struggle with the hard issues which refuse to be easily pinned down. The kingdom is in the heart that affirms God's love for all humanity.

"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.'" "Luke 17:20-21"

Don

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THIS SUNDAY IS DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR TICKETS!

SOFTBALL GAME - Tuesday, July 26, 9:50 P.M., Lawton #3

ELDERS WILL NOT MEET JULY 28 - RETREAT AUGUST 13

SERVING JULY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Rolland Ripple
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, W. West-
terfield-NW, B. Briggs, J. Briggs
10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, L.
Finkhousen-NW, D. Rogers-SE, W.
Johnson-NE, P. Tobias, K. Flickin-
ger, T. Briggs, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jenny & Troy Harter
10:45 A.M. Mike & Shirley Callahan

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Chip Olson and John Ohneck

ACOLYTES

Shannon Jones & Scott Creager

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

M. Bixenman and P. Buskirk

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

596 - Mrs. Amelia Dare
584 - Mr. John (Dick) Cullen
566 - Mrs. Esther Whitton
M-105 - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev.
Wiltfong, Mrs. Weicker, Mrs. Flick-
inger and everyone for the calls,
prayers, flowers and cards I re-
ceived during my illness.

Thank you.

Ruby Johns

VACATION SCHEDULE

Dr. Hamm will be on vacation
Monday, July 25, through Sunday,
August 7. Rev. Wiltfong will
be available, as always, for
your pastoral needs.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD RECYCLING PROJECT

Saturday, July 23, 9:00 A.M.
to 1:00 P.M. Bring old news-
papers, glass, aluminum, used
motor oil to Simpson United
Methodist parking lot, 2501 S.
Harrison. Call Dave Young at
422-1650 for information.

Bread For The World is a
Christian Citizen's movement
which seeks to deal with hun-
ger in this nation and around
the world.

MEN'S BREAKFAST OFF TILL SEPT- EMBER

The Men's Breakfast group
will not meet again until Sep-
tember in view of vacations
and summer schedules. We will
begin again September 21.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On Tuesday, July 27, the
following committees will meet
at 7:15 P.M.: Stewardship,
Personnel, Christian Education,
and Membership.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-17-83

Mrs. Kathryn Lybarger, Mont-
gomery, AL; Mr. Eugene Stolte,
6301 Fairfield; Mr. & Mrs. Joe
Davis, Jacksonville, FL;
Yvonne R., 1702 Gable Road.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, I know I'm at home now. I had two funerals this week, and they both hurt! I'm thankful that Ralph and Mrs. Jenkins are now with God, of course, but still my heart aches for their families. Nevertheless, the ministry is a wonderful thing, for people immediately open their hearts and lives to you, and that is a sacred trust and a great gift for people to give to any pastor. Thank you all for making this home. My family and I look forward to laughing, crying, and working together with you for many years.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

While at the All Church Camp Out at Chain O' Lakes State Park, Beth and I decided to go boating. It looked like it might storm, so I started heading for shore. Sure enough, those big Indiana rain drops started coming, just as we reached shore, accompanied by earsplitting, eyeshocking lightning. We were very glad to be off the lake.

It didn't take long to realize that the safety of shore was only relative. Not only were the trees no shelter and we got soaked to the skin, but as much lightning was striking the trees around the lake as the lake itself. The vulnerability of those moments was not pleasant.

All shelter we seek is temporary and relative, save that which is formed by the love of God. Ultimately it is his love that holds us up and sustains us.

"I lift up my eyes unto the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Ps. 121:1

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AT CAMP

Krista Rogers, Sara Mullen, Diane Bennett, and Chanel Novachcoff will be representing First Christian Church in youth camps this week.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, JULY 25

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 26

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings
(See Article for which
committees are meeting)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, CANNED
FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 25-31

James Leshar (25)
Marianne Howard (25)
Jeff Johnson (25)
Woody Klepfer (26)
Sue Kiger (26)
Eric Zimmerman (26)
Mark Pontius (27)
Lee Crowell (27)
Ruth Neal (27)
Kevin Bozarth (28)
Bette Haines (28)
Sam Smith (28)
James Brickley (29)
Carol Cline (29)
Lucile Welsh (29)
Delmas Young (30)
Bonnie Evans (30)
Wilberta Edgington (31)
Carl Smith (31)

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ADDRESSED TO DICK HAMM:

You've made our day! Enclosed you will find our receipt #14566 in the amount of \$3,000 covering the contribution of your church to the Capital Funds Campaign at Christian Theological Seminary.

As I am sure you are well aware, this moves us in a solid direction toward that final victory of reaching the \$10 million mark. We are now but \$325,000 short of completing the whole program!

Certainly, your church has done its share in this process. As I'm sure you're well aware, that \$3,000 represented \$10,000 in the overall program. How very grateful we are. Already the impact of the campaign is beginning to be noticed. We were able to give faculty salaries a boost, increase the resources available for scholarship funds, broaden the base of programming and begin the process of finding ways to construct apartment housing on or adjacent to our campus.

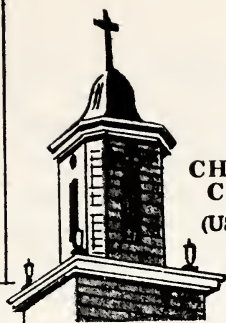
This has made a tremendous impact on morale in every corner and certainly you and your congregation can take part of the credit for that because of this very special "push" you have given us.

Thank you again for your sense of churchmanship, your participation in the vital enterprise of preparing future leaders for Christ's Church. It's only to the church that we can look for this kind of support and we have not looked to First Christian Church in Fort Wayne in vain.

Bill L. Barnes
Vice-President Development

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SERVING JULY 31

ELDERS

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Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Al Creager

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, T. York-NW,
E. Klepfer, B. Kerley

10:45 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, G. Falbe-
NW, M. Crouse-SE, J. Stucky-NE, S.
Knuckles, R. Krull, B. Briggs, K.
Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
T. York, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman

10:45 A.M. Shannon Jones, Ruby
Mowery

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J. Church - Liz Johnson

Wm. Johnson - D. Rogers

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566 - Mrs. Esther Whitton

695 - Mr. Cecil Rice

630 - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

309 - Mr. Morris Swift

ST. JOSEPH:

493 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

THANK YOU

I wish to thank you all for prayers, cards and visits, and a special thanks to Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong and Karen Flickinger during Ralph's stay in the hospital and death. Comforting words and prayers mean so much.

My Christian Love,
Jackie Keller

Dick Cullen has been moved to the Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Myrtle DeVinney is at home recuperating from a broken foot.

Carloe Overmyer had foot surgery last week.

Laura Marks has moved to the North Highlands Senior Home, 2100 St. Mary's Ave., Apt. 318 zip code-46808. Ph.#422-4310.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-24-83

Mr. & Mrs. Johnie Baker, 9700 Fallview Dr., Noblesville IN; Mr. & Mrs. Claude Linn, 219 W. Jefferson, Paulding, OH; Mr. & Mrs. George Flint, 218 W. Garfield, Paulding, OH; Mr. Steve Hickman, 6510 Covington 400 E., Fort Wayne, IN

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We all enjoy our coffee hours, however, we need someone to host them. Will you please check the schedule in the Fellowship Hall and sign up.

Thank you.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121

As you read this, I hope my family and I will be high atop a mountain in North Carolina.....at least that's our intention! Somehow, being in the mountains always puts things back in perspective for me! The solitude of the trails and the soft, cool breeze of fresh mountain air is so cleansing.....one can almost hear the whisperings of God! We'll be back August 8, ready to go. The church is in Don's capable hands while I'm gone, so call on him if you need him.

If you missed the Bread For the World meeting last week, we'll meet again and every month on third Wednesdays. Thus, mark your calendar for 7:15 P.M., August 17. Meetings are over at 8:45 P.M.

God bless you each.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

It seems as though most mid-western people can be divided up into two categories: Those who prefer summer weather and those who prefer winter weather. In either case, it is hard during weather like we have been experiencing to remember what your front lawn looked like under 5 or so inches of snow.

The writer of Genesis tells us that the even continuing change of the seasons is a sign of God's grace. After destroying the earth by water ("unseasonable precipitation" a modern forcaster might say), God told Noah "I will never again curse the ground....while the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter shall not cease." It is God who upholds the circle of the seasons in our environment and enables crops to grow and ripen, and for the earth to replenish itself.

If this fact gives you no comfort, at least know that summer is only part of God's providence, and that fall is coming!.

Don

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SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:30 P.M. CYF Leadership Team Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:40 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton Park #3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace Truby, Mabel Watson, 440 Englewood Court

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Aug. 1-7

Lori Lewis (1)
Robin Hosfield (1)
Margaret Snouffer (1)
Dick Mory (1)
Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Wanda Howell (1)
Glenn Miller (1)
Dorothy Morris (2)
Betty Olson (4)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Ethel King (6)

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POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,
SOUP, NOODLES, P-NUT BUTTER

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Have you ever thought about being a caller for First Christian Church? Before you say, "No way, Josel", consider: it is easy, it is fun, it feels good because you are doing something the Lord wants us to do!

Not convinced, eh?

O.K. Tell you what. Come to a workshop Monday, August 8, 7:15 P.M. and see for yourself! No obligation to make calls just 'cause you came to the workshop, but you'll learn how we do it and what's involved - then decide. We'll have a cup of coffee waiting for you.

Thanks!

THIS WEEK IN CAMP

Bob Briggs, Julie Briggs, Kevin Mory and Tony York are in C.Y.F. camp at Barbee.

NOTE: There will be no more meetings of Spectrum Drama Group until further notice!

C.Y.F. and Chi Rho (High School and Jr. High Age): Do you have your reservations for the Cedar Point trip on August 10 in? Gee, we'd sure like to see your face!

ATTENTION - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!!

On Tuesday, August 16, at 7:30 P.M. is a meeting for all Sunday School teachers.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Putting it All Together for Sunday School", a series of Sunday School Teacher's training events sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, will be on three Wednesday evenings, August 24, 31 and September 7. Please let the church office know if you can go by August 9; and please go if you can!

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For all interested persons! No obligation!

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Ennis Brown
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Sam Hayes

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Lucas-NW, J. Hahn, C. Olson
10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, L. Johnson-
NW, E. Klepfer-SE, B. Haines-NE, B.
Wyant, M. Mullen, J. Ohneck, P.
Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, J. Bennett

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John & Janet Myers
10:45 A.M. Dick & Diane Mory

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620 - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell
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ST. JOSEPH:

515 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

PARKVIEW:

423 - Mrs. Mimi Westerfield

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to
the family and friends of Geneva
Ferguson who died last week.

Mimi Westerfield is in Park-
view Hospital for tests

NOTICED??????

Have you noticed that Bruce
Lehman's article on Page 16 of
the August 7 issue of Disciple
Magazine?

AT CAMP

Kristen Byers is attending
camp at Indian Lake this week.
Sherri Malchi and Eric Mory are
at Barbee.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Remember, there will be a
teacher's meeting, Monday, Aug-
ust 16 at 7:30 P.M.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
7-31-83

Barbara Messman, 339 E. Hoo-
ver; Kim & Joan Fellwock, 4419
Indiana Ave.; Jason & Jennifer
Brauer, Greenfield, IN; Lois
Stogdill, Arizona; Mrs.
Lucille Hoffman, 217 W. Fle-
ming; Craig & Phyllis Uncapher,
Kansas City, MO.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Dick and all from
our church family who have
been so supporting during the
recent illness and deaths of
our Dad and Mom.

Fred Jenkins & Family

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have a lot of people who give of a lot of their time freely, which is a primary ingredient in any great church. I want to single out one person, however, for special mention today.

Janet Weicker is an R.N. and a committed Christian. She makes calls in the hospitals on behalf of First Christian Church every week. Her medical background combined with her faith, makes her a special resource to patients and their families. Janet also visits many in nursing homes and who are otherwise shut-ins.

Along with the hospital calling of our two ministers, and Karen Flickinger, and deacons and elders taking homebound communion, our hospitalized members get a call from the church nearly everyday! You can be proud of the way First looks after folks, due to the work of people like Janet and Karen. Of course, many other members make calls, too, and they all help.

We'll be back from vacation this next week, August 8. See you then.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"Why Youth Ministry?"

As we look forward to fall and its renewed activities, I want to share some thoughts concerning the youth programs.

"I am concerned about our youth groups," the white-haired lady told the pastor. "After all, these youth people are the church of tomorrow!"

This woman's concern for the church's young people is shared by many people, and it is a valid concern. However, it is not the only or even the best reason that a church undertakes a program especially designed for middle school and high school aged people.

Young people in this age group are either moving toward church membership or have already joined. They are a part of the church of today. Youth ministry recognizes the unique needs of young people, and seeks to minister to and with youth in their stage of growth, just as it does with younger children and older adults. It also recognizes the unique contributions young people can make in the life of the church, and serves as a channel for those contributions.

Above all, youth ministry is not just ministry by the church for the youth. It is also ministry of youth - to other young people, to the church, and in service to the world outside the church.

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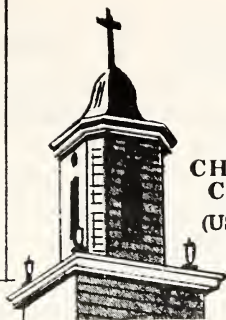
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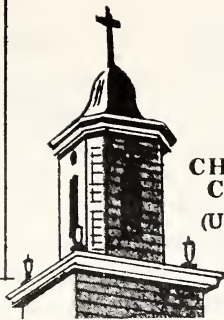
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Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, J. Stucky-
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, W.
Westerfield-NW, K. Rogers-SE, J.
Franklin-NE, R. Krull, M. Finkhousen,
L. Finkhousen, D. Rogers

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B. Lehman

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B. Haines, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John Kelly

10:45 A.M. Earl & Ruth Plummer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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E. Brown - J. Briggs

M. Bixenman - J. Hendricks

D. Vanderwall - T. York

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THANK YOU'S

*I want to thank all the mem-
bers of First Christian Church
whose prayers helped Mr. Cul-
len recover enough to come
home, and walk again.*

Mrs. Kathryn Cullen

*We wish to thank the church
for the expressions of kind-
ness and concern at the time
of Geneva's death.*

Walter Bowen and Family;

The Family of Geneva Ferguson

ATTENTION BOWLERS

The West Creighton Bowling
League needs about 6 more peo-
ple to fill their league. They
bowl every other Saturday
night at Village Bowl.

Call Mel Busse at 432-4324
after 5:30 if interested.
First come, first serve!

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Tuesday, August 16, is the
quarterly Sunday School teach-
ers meetings. Also: The
Teacher's Training classes
sponsored by the Associated
Churches will be August 24, 31,
September 7, 14, at Faith
Baptist Church. If you will
be able to attend, contact the
church office or Don Wiltfong.

AT CAMP

Tim Briggs is participating
in the regional trail camp in
the Smokey Mountains.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

8-7-83

*Trish Thomas, Hoagland, IN;
Mrs. Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell;
Miss Tara Steffen, 5630 Arbor
Avenue.*

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, its good to be home. But this was one of the best vacations I can remember. The mountains were cool and the scenery beautiful. I feel like I got to know my kids a lot better (camping does that!). I'm pretty much renewed and ready to tackle the new program year.

You may be interested to know that calling will be one of my primary emphases during the next year. I still have not been in every member's home (being without an associate for ten months really got me bogged down). There are many to visit yet, but I would like to see everyone in their "natural habitat" within the next ten months. There is no substitute for this, in my opinion. Ministers can no longer be in every home every six months or year like they used to, because there are now many more demands on a minister's time than there used to be (like everything else, the ministry has gotten more complex), but I still think it is important to see people in their home at least once. Then the minister is not a stranger if and when he is called into the home in time of need. Besides, I like to know my folks!

I appreciate Don's hard work while I was gone....it was great to know the congregation was in good hands!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Anger is considered a negative emotion, and uncontrolled or unresolved, it is. But it can also motivate one to stand up for what is right, either for oneself or for others. Many "angry young men" (and women) have been responsible for causing justice to be upheld during periods of change. Anger channeled can be a creative corrective for individuals and for our society.

But even when it is channeled, anger can grow into an ugly thing, and this is the point: Anger is like a debt. Like borrowing money, it is a "necessary evil" of sorts. But it needs to be dealt with and dispensed as early as possible. Anger is a debt we own to those toward whom we direct it. (Read Matthew 5:21-26).

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7:00 P.M. SPECTRUM DRAMA GROUP

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Miriam Bixenman, 4430
Wilmette, Mildred Hart-
man, Leader
6:30 P.M. CYF Leadership Team, Pat
& Mike Mullen, 4330 S.
Harrison St.
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers
Meeting

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION, con't.

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and then remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there, before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23,24)

A letter to God from a Church Secretary

It's me again God,

Lord, I really try to be patient with my congregation, but..that's my problem, Lord, BUT! You see, Lord, I don't know how you feel about printing the church bulletin, but if you knew what it was like to have black ink on your white blouse you would know how I feel.

It's not that I don't like my job, but sometimes, Lord, I just don't think I can type one more bulletin. If I could just type one right, I would feel a lot better about the whole thing. Just because I printed the time for a dinner at 6:30 a.m. instead of p.m., you would think I had changed the words in the Bible.

I really feel bad about the back of the bulletin, too Lord. I didn't mean to print it upside down. I know it's kind of hard to flip back over during the service, but I was in a hurry and didn't have the time to double check.

Signed:

The Befuddled Church Secretary

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Aug. 15-21

Rebecca Bowman (15)
Bruce Grimm (16)
Lois Finkhousen (18)
Debby Connerly (19)
Julia Bicknell (19)
Nancy Hendricks (20)

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS - TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 7:15 P.M.

Including: Property, Worship, Stewardship, and Personnel.

NO ELDERS' MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

SERVING AUGUST 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Andy Cook and
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AT HOME

Terry King, Mamie Caldwell, Amelia
Dare, Esther Whitton, Dick Cullen,
and Mimi Westerfield.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Judy and Garnet Ford are moving
to Indianapolis soon. We hate to
lose them, but send them with our
prayers!

ATTENTION BOWLERS

First Christian Church Bow-
ling season is once again upon
us. So any interested bowlers
please contact John Ohneck at
447-2833 in the evenings.

First Christian Bowling Lea-
gue starts Friday, September 9,
1983 at 6:30 P.M. on EVERY O-
THER FRIDAY at Westwood Lanes.
Cost per individual bowler is
\$3.50 per nite.

The league is contracted for
ten (10) teams, four (4) mem-
bers per team. We would like
to have eight (8) adult teams
and two (2) young peoples
teams.

So if you're interested in
some good fun and fellowship,
please register. We would
love to have you!

AREA I PITCH-IN AND FELLOWSHIP

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churches of Area I (Ft. Wayne,
Saturn, Kendallville, Auburn)
will meet at First Christian
in Auburn for recreation and
fellowship at 3:00 P.M. to be
followed by a pitch-in dinner
at 5:30 P.M. All ages are
welcome, of course.

If you would like bus trans-
portation from the church,
call the church office. Don't
miss it!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

8-14-83

Mr. Randal Wilkins, South
Bend, IN; Miss Lucinda Delph,
51087 Pembroke, Granger, IN;
Mr. David Moyano, 434 N. Grant,
West Lafayette; Stan & Oella
Norman, 1223 E. Rudisill, Mr. &
Mrs. Gregg Neuer, 5927 Hosler
Rd.; Robin Miller, 1006 Elli-
ott Street

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Goodness knows there have been plenty of moving vans going out of Fort Wayne! As a congregation, we have lost several young families and even some older couples this last year. That hurts! We hate to see friends and church workers moving on, but such are the economies of our present day.

But now we are entering a season when there will also be some moving vans coming into Fort Wayne fully loaded! This is the prime moving time for families just before school starts. This means we all have a job to do! Let us each watch our neighborhoods, places of business or other employment, and our recreational centers, etc. for newly arrived residents! And lets each take it upon ourself to give them a friendly invitation - to worship! They need us and we need them! Let's not take it for granted that they might visit us anyway; let's make them know they are more than welcome!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A couple of weeks ago I wrote a little bit about the church's ministry to middle school and high school young people as a distinct group with distinct needs of which the church needs to be aware and responsive. But there is another issue involved with the church and its youth: Is the church aware enough to be able to accept the gifts youth bring to its life?

Each age group has a unique contribution to make to the dynamic church. Some contributions youth can make are: 1. Enthusiasm and energy. 2. Questions that, if taken seriously, can keep the adult age groups honest. 3. Criticisms of our institutions which come, not from hostility, but from a love of the ideals those institutions are founded upon. 4. Their individual commitment, concern, and love of people.

Not all youth bring all of these gifts, nor are these nonexistent in other age groups of the church. But these are common gifts young people can put to work in our congregation. Can you think of others?

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith in purity." I Timothy 4:12

Don

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MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings
(See article to see
which committees are
meeting)

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Laverne Hunt (22)
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Marie Redman (24)
Diane Morris (24)
Blauche Tucker (24)
John "Mae" Olson (25)
Mary Higgins (26)
Julie Briggs (26)
Deborah Clifton (27)
Nathan Love (27)
Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Mel & Barb Busse, 1918 Buckskin, 46804, telephone-432-4323; Don Crouse, 2525 Reed Road, 46815, telephone-483-5323; Virginia Englehart, 1437 W. Wildwood, 46807; Mary Mullins, 2214 Owaissa Way, 46809, telephone-478-1293; Kurt Schryver, 5031 S. Hanna St., 46806, telephone-456-1651; Arza Smith, Parnell Park Nursing Home, 3811 Parnell Ave., Room 210, 46805; Elva Stephans, c/o Tom Sheets, 6229 Chatham Dr., 46816; Norma Sterling, 6506 Covington Rd., #127A, 46804; Troy & Evelyn Yeoman, 5613 Squiredale, 46818, telephone-489-2349.

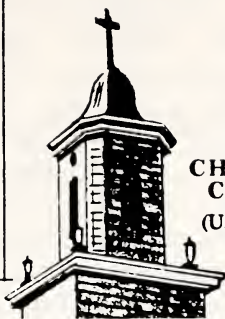
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AREA I PITCH-IN AND FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, August 28, the churches of Area I (Ft. Wayne, Saturn, Kendallville, Auburn) will meet at First Christian in Auburn for recreation and fellowship at 3:00 P.M. to be followed by a pitch-in dinner at 5:30 P.M. All ages are welcome, of course.

If you would like bus transportation from the church, call the church office. Don't miss it!

MEN'S RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 9-11, BARBEE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SAN ANTONIO, SEPTEMBER 23-28

The Biennial General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet in Texas, September 23-28. If you would like to attend this great meeting of about 10,000 Disciples, you need to register immediately. Dick Hamm has the details.

The Assembly features great speakers and worship services, informative business sessions, and great fellowship.

FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 2-5 - LAST CALL

The Christian Church in Indiana is sponsoring a Family Camp Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5 at Barbee Christian Camp (near North Webster). Sites are available for tents, trailers, and campers with or without electricity. There are also cabin spaces. There is a limit of 140 persons this year, so register NOW!

For more information and registration forms, call the church office.

SERVING AUGUST 28

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ennis Brown and
Laura York
10:45 a.m. William Johnson and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. P. Tobias-SW, M. Mullen-
NW, L. Johnson, W. Johnson
10:45 a.m. M. Crouse-SW, R. Krull-
NW, J. Stucky-SE, K. Place-NE, J.
Ohneck, W. Westerfield, B. Haines,
E. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 a.m. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 a.m. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 a.m. Reba & Earl Fusselman
10:45 a.m. Jerry & Diana Blomeke

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - E. Klepfer
B. Taylor - L. Finkhousen
Jt. Weicker - B. Briggs
A. Cook - T. Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Tony York & Flickinger's

ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Mark Zimmerman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eileen & Eugene Klepfer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

784 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk
- Mrs. Fran Eckert
309 - Mr. Morris Swift

HOME

Terry King, Mamie Caldwell, Amelia
Dare, Esther Whitton, Dick Cullen,
Mimi Westerfield.

THANK YOU'S

Your kindness at this time
is more deeply appreciated
than any word of thanks can
express.

The Family of Laura Marks

I wish at this time to thank
all my church friends for
their concern and prayers dur-
ing my illness. Special thanks
to Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong,
Karen and Janet for their
calls and prayers.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY

Women will be studying "They
Meet the Master". Classes be-
gin September 21 at 1:00 P.M.
for 13 Wednesdays. Books are
now available in the church
office for \$2.00. Babysitting
available. Call the church
office or Karen Flickinger to
enroll.

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cil (Laubach Method) will hold
a Tutor Training Workshop to
train volunteers to become tu-
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10:00 P.M. each day. For fur-
ther information call 432-2178
or Ruth Yost 747-2817.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
8-21-83

Paul & Lori McClaskey, 514-3
Cedar Glen; Miss Barbara Young,
4222 Lynnwood Ct.; Mozelle
Stone, Greenwood, Miss.; Ruth
A. Yawn, Greenwood, Miss.; Pam
Goodin, 2227 Montclair.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My good friend Bob Sweeten saw my reprint of Erma Bombeck's piece on volunteers and wrote his own version which I think is even better (with apologies to Erma)!

I had a vision the other day that every church volunteer in this land had set sail for another country. I stood smiling on the pier, shouting, "Good-by committee meetings, so long questions I can't answer, farewell forever to events that didn't please everyone. No more ten evenings a month for meetings. No more three hour meetings. No more grousing for having said, "Yes."

As the boat moved out to sea, I reflected: Oh, well, who needs them. Serves them right, that bunch of "yes" people. All they had to do was to put their tongues firmly against the roofs of their mouth and make an "o" sound --- no. It certainly would have spared them a lot of grief.

The church's building looked pretty good for awhile. But one day, as I drove up I noticed how well the weeds were doing - they don't look as good as flowers, but you can't have everything. The parlor and narthex offered a strangely cool reception. No embrace or word of welcome. No flowers on the altar. No communion elements on the Lord's Table. No one to serve them anyway. No Choir. I did overhear one of those folks who had always said "no" say, "it used to be different."

The Sunday School rooms were even quieter than remembered. The two or three children who now came said, "It's no fun any more. No lesson at all - at first it sounded really great, no one to gripe cause we made too much noise or slipped-off."

People in the hospitals were more depressed than ever. No phone calls from friends. No "Get-well cards" or notes of encouragement. No communion on Sunday.

Young people looked for role models to help shape their lives, an ear to listen. Small children lifted their arms to be cuddled, but there was no one to hold them in love.

I fought to remember how that departing shipload of volunteers had looked. I wanted to recall how it was, that day the church died.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. Bus leaves for Area Pic-
nic to Auburn

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Eileen
Klepfer's, 6921 Blue
Mist Road

FRIDAY - MONDAY, SEPT. 2-5

Family Camp at Barbee

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Worship is one of those things we do without examining exactly what it is. We find it helpful or uplifting, stimulating or reassuring; we feel a need for it and miss it when we do not attend services; but why?

Worship is several things. It is a dramatic re-presentation of key events which have shaped the Christian faith. It is a re-affirmation of the key beliefs we hold in common. And it is a recommitment to the conduct to which we are called in Christ, as individuals and as a community.

Further, worship is a specific time and place set aside by the congregation for God, to be especially aware of him. It is a time to be intentionally aware of and open to God, to allow him to shape and inform us.

See you in worship Sunday!

Don

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER AUG.29-SEPT. 4

Oakley Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Art Huddleston (29)
Miriam Bixenman (30)
Barb Hayes (31)
Gene Shirley (31)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
Ruby Johns (1)
Thomas Penny (2)
Raymond Sarrazin (2)
Grace Truby (2)
Evelyn Yeoman (2)
Pauline Snyder (3)
Gloria Phillips (4)
Mark Rayl (4)
Richard Skelton (4)
Kenneth Wheaton (4)
Diane Mory (4)

HAROLD & RUBY CLINE TO LEAD ALPINE TOUR

The Cline's cordially invite interested persons to contact them regarding a tour they will lead August 11-25, 1984, to Germany and Switzerland. A highlight will be the Oberammergau Passion Play. You may contact them at 624 Cherry Tree Lane, South Bend, 46617, phone-219-234-8980. There are also brochures available from Dick Hamm.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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NUT BUTTER

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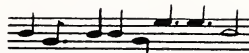
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CLASSIFIED AD

1. Are you going to be a sixth grader in September?
2. Are you going to be 99 on your next birthday?
3. Is your age between item one and item two?
4. Are you interested in working with puppets?
5. Are you willing to practice, practice, practice?
6. If your answer is yes to questions 3, 4, and 5, call 476-1012 after 6 p.m. or 436-2798 during the day.

DON'T MENTION AGE RIDES AGAIN!

The DMA group will meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 6, for a tour of the Archway Cookie Factory, lunch at the Window Garden Restaurant, and a tour of the Public Library. We will return to the church at about 2 p.m. Cost \$1 plus your own lunch choice. All people are welcome. We will take the church bus.

All high school age youth and parents are invited to a youth/parent meeting, Sept. 18, at 5:30 to 7 p.m. We will be explaining our CYF program for 1983-84, introducing the leadership team, and we will have a little fun! Plan to be there!

SEPTEMBER 18

Mark your calendars. CWF will host a Golden Jubilee Tea honoring 50 year members and new members. It will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church.

Board Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER SEPT. 5-11

Nita Schilling (5)	Doreatha Baker (8)
Michael Gardiner (6)	Linda Hawkins (8)
Gary York (6)	Kris Ohneck (9)
Pat Norman (7)	Valerie Williams (10)
Nellie Roe (7)	Richard Penny (11)
Marilyn Rayl (8)	

SERMON FOR SUNDAY, September 4. "This Man Came by Night." Please read John 3: 1-15.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"

Is there someone you would like to honor in a very special way, for a birthday, anniversary or just because you love them? Is there someone you would like to pay special tribute to in their memory? Or just say Jesus I love you. If so we have a special flower calendar on the bulletin board across from the church office. Sign your name on the Sunday you would prefer to donate a floral basket to brighten our sanctuary. After the second service the donor may pick up their flowers. You may make your own arrangements with a florist, or you may donate money and the flowers will be bought. Price approx. \$30. Lets say it with flowers and fill our calendar. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

Love in Christ,
The Worship Committee

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The second thank you letter in last weeks Tidings was sent by Esther Whitton.

Dear Friends:

The Christian Church has always believed strongly in lay ministry. That is, ordained and licensed ministers are not the only ones who do ministry. Every member is called to minister to others.

How is your ministry going? Have you taken a few minutes to make that phone call or to write that note you were thinking of writing? Everyone is fighting a "battle" everyday of their life..wouldn't a few encouraging words from you give them a lift along their way? How about visiting that person in the nursing home, or who lives alone? How about that neighbor you've been meaning to invite to worship? These are only some of the ways in which you can minister -- and no one can take your place.

May God grant you grace and power for your ministry everyday!
See you Sunday.

Love,

SERVING SEPTEMBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Rolland Ripple and Delores
Keebortz

10:45 a.m. Sam Hayes and Dick
Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Grimm-SW, C. Olson-NW, V.
Brown, E, Snouffer

10:45 a.m. M. Callahan-SW, G. Falbe-NW, M.
Hamm-SE, L. Finkhousen-NE, R. Flickinger
J. Franklin, M. Finkhousen, N. Lucas

USHERS

8:15 a.m. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pumeroy

10:45 a.m. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J.
Jones J. Bennett

GREETERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman and Mildred
Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. Gary & Carolyn Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Tony York

ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis and Amy Hayes

BUS DRIVERS

Doug Rogers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran, Morris Swift - 484
St. Joe, Emma Schell - 571

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-28-83
Kenn & Shirley Kressley, 6004 Landsdowne;
Miss Denise Blomeke, Auburn; Virginia
Kelly, Gas City; Vivian Atwood, 8333 Manor
Dr.; Mrs. June Mullins, Cape Coral, Fla.;
Mr. Gary Myers, 1135 1/2 Summit, New Haven;
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hughes, Jacksonville, IL

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"Nothing is new under the sun," wrote the somewhat cynical author of Ecclesiastes. And so it seems. Age after age war has ravaged, greed has victimized, folly has been blindly followed. In a sense the Preacher of Ecclesiastes is right.

When I was a child, one of my favorite flowers was the carnation, not so much for its beauty and color, but for its wonderful clove-like fragrance. However, I discovered that this flower's fragrance varies greatly depending on the nutrients available to the plant. To grow fragrant carnations, you must apply far from fragrant fertilizer!

It is often the mud of life, transformed, which becomes its beauty. "Behold, I make all things new." Revelations 21:5

ELDERS' RETREAT FRUITFUL

The Elders met in retreat at the Crossier Center this month and discussed the whole range of church life, present and future needs and directions, and their own role in the life of the church. All present appreciated the opportunity and the value of the meeting.

The Elders invite your comments about the church and its ministry. Your input is important. Share your ideas and impressions with any elder and he or she will see that the information gets to the right places.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Office closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Ruth Group at Fern Kenline's

2614 Abbey, 9:30 a.m.;

Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Starshine, 6:45 p.m.

Sunday School Workshop 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rachel Group at church, 9:15

Chancel Choir, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - 11

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KAREN FLICKINGER TO SERVE AS INTERN

This congregation had a commissioning service for Karen upon her licensing as a lay minister last year. In May, the Board took action which makes her a Lay Minister of Pastoral Care for First Christian Church from September through May of this year. She will be visiting our shut-ins and will be developing an ongoing ministry for them. She will be carrying out this work approximately six hours per week on average.

We welcome Karen to the staff and pray that her ministry will be a blessing to all.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A WEDDING

The parents of Nancy Hendricks wishes to invite you to the wedding of their daughter, Nancy, on September 10, at 3:30 p.m. here at the church. Dr. Hamm will be performing the ceremony.

"I CAN COPE" PROGRAM OFFERED

Lutheran Hospital is offering this program for patients with cancer and their families. The group will meet on seven Mondays, beginning September 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. No charge. The disease, its treatment, and its emotional implications will be dealt with in this program. Call Dick Hamm for more info.

"WOMAN IN ALL HER SPLENDOR"

This is the theme for the Annual Interfaith Luncheon of Church Women United to be held at noon, September 27, at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive. Call our church office, 744-3239, to reserve a ticket by September 18. \$3.50 per person. No babysitting.

PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

Well, here we are at the threshold of a new program year. We have some great things planned for 1983-84. This is going to be a building year for First Christian Church! I hope you are planning to be one of those who "makes it happen" through faithful attendance and your own ministry.

Do you wonder whether our staff is committed? On Labor Day, I thought I'd get caught up on a few things in the office. When I got here, I found two secretaries and an Associate Minister working away!

Hope you had a nice holiday. Besides a little office work, I seal coated my driveway at home. I guess anyone who's ever owned a house knows why they call it "Labor" Day (or is that anyone who's ever been married?)!

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

One of the special offering intake each year as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the Reconciliation Offering. We help victims of abuse, refugees, American Indians, and many other peoples through this over-and-above effort. Envelopes for this special offering will be in the pews this Sunday and next.

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8:15 a.m. J. Hahn-SW, W. Westerfield-NW,
J. Briggs, B. Briggs
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K. Rogers, M. Mullen, B. Haines

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B. Lehman
10:45 a.m. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, T. York

GREETERS

8:15 a.m. Jim & Lessa Jump
10:45 a.m. Rosemary Krull
COFFEE HOUR

Rebecca Group

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mindy Hamm & Phyllis Tobias

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers and Tracy Kiessling

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - P. Tobias
Wm. Johnson - Wm. Wyant
J. Church - M. Crouse
B. Taylor - R. Flickinger

BUS DRIVERS

Jack Bennett, Betty Briggs
Bret Lucas - riding

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck
10:45 a.m. Diane Mory

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Rebecca Group 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Starshine 6:45 p.m.

Martha Group, Sandy Zimmerman 7:30 p.m.

SERMON FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 11, "Ooze or

Choose" Philipians 2:12-13

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"It's nothing to be proud of", Samuel Clemens wrote, "but it is my strong suit".

He was referring to his ability to write amusing stories. Really Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain, would rather have been either a riverboat pilot or a preacher. However, the riverboat era ended with the civil war, and his agnosticism was a definite handicap in pursuing the ministry. So he reluctantly did what he could do, although he was never happy being only a writer of humorous stories.

Which is too bad, because he was such a talented, gifted humorist.

Why is it we spend so much time dissatisfied with who we are, and what it is we can do in making our own contribution to life and to the world?

After he had become famous, Clemens lost several fortunes trying to become one of the great 19th century entrepreneurs, never realizing that he had given so much to so many by just doing what he did so well.

Let us thank God for the gifts he has given us by using and enjoying them to the fullest.

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

The Bible is very important in the life of the church and in the life of a Christian. Often, however, it is revered from afar, held in high esteem, without being well known. There is an opportunity to learn what is in the Bible. We are wanting to offer Wednesday evening classes September 28; October 5, 12, 26; and November 2. This would be the first in a series which would eventually cover the entire Bible. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP:

Betty Sullivan, Spring Valley, CA 92078; Pam Emerine, Lexington, KY 40508; Laura & Eric Troop, 7035 Elmbrook Dr. 46806; Charles F. Hughes, P.O. Box 69, Bakerstown, PA 15007

THANK YOU

Thank you, Dr. Hamm, Don, Janet, & Karen for your visit and prayers for me while I was in the hospital. Also for the prayers of my friends.

God Bless you all.

Fran Eckert

HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN:

484 - Mr. Morris Swift

ST. JOE:

571 - Mrs. Emma Schell

615 - Mr. Dave Kreischer

The Rebecca CWF Circle will meet September 13, 11:30 a.m. at Charkey's Restaurant in Waynedale.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 12-18

Robert R. Chevalier (12) Marvel Brickley (15)
Barbara Finkhausen (12) Edna Nordblom (15)
Nancy Geiselman (12) Almeda Rice (15)
Deann Halbbrook (12) Tracey Kiessling (15)
Margo Parlette (12) Bruce Lehman (16)
Ruth Plummer (12) Elna Taylor (16)
Sandy Zimmerman (12) Mindy Hamm (16)
Edith Verner (13) Tom Asbury (17)
Earl Stearns (13) Debra White (17)
Beulah Timmons (13)

Next Sunday, September 11, is promotion Sunday for the Children's Sunday School classes. The children are to go to their old class at the beginning of the Sunday School Hour.

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Hosted by the CWF September 18, 3-5 p.m. at the church honoring Fifty-year members and new members of First Christian Church. Everyone is invited! The program will include instrumental music by Glenn Miller and Don and Vee Parlette. Vocal music by Becky Stucky and Sara Davis, and an original poem highlighting fifty-year members by Becca Olson.

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Child Care Provided!

SYMPATHY

We are saddened by the death of Amelia Dare, Sunday. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-11-83

Peggy Bandt, 2144 Fairfield; Kimberly Keller, 1614 Lake Avenue; Dwight Wilson, 513 S. Marion, Bluffton, IN; Fern Schust, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Membership Classes for children in grades 4 through 8 will meet at the church Saturday mornings at 10:00 A.M., from September 24 to October 29. Please contact the church office or Don Wiltfong (Home: 447-2995) if your child will be attending!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I am excited about the opportunity we have to offer a new course on the Bible this year. It is designed to help people become more familiar with the content of the books of the Bible. We might be familiar with the great texts and stories from the Bible, but we may not know exactly where they are. After completing this course one would be able to locate these texts and episodes, and have a good, general knowledge of what is in the Bible.

The entire course will be offered in two parts: the first will cover Genesis to Isaiah, and is being offered 6 Wednesday evenings, September 28, October 5, 12, 26, and November 2, and 9; from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. This very basic course is open to all adults and older youth (High School age).

The Bible is every Christian's friend. Bring yours, and get better acquainted!

Don

CALLED BOARD MEETING - 9:30 A.M. this Sunday in Sanctuary!!! Brief!!! Important!!!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, October 2, 9:30 A.M.

ELDER'S MEETING - Tuesday, September 20, 7:15 P.M.

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T. Briggs, E. Klepfer, E. Conrad

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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
K. Mory, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bill & Hazel Crouse

10:45 A.M. Marge & Bill Lehman
COFFEE HOUR

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Mindy Hamm & Phyllis Tobias
ACOLYTES

Robbie Critell & Eric Krull
BUS DRIVERS

Jack Bennett

Brett Lucas - riding

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky

10:45 A.M. Karen Flickinger

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. CALLED BOARD MEETING

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

3:00 P.M. Golden Jubilee Tea

5:30 P.M. Parent/Youth Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Lorea
Kuhlman's, 4125 Warsaw

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

484 - Mr. Morris Swift

ST. JOSEPH:

571 - Mrs. Emma Schell

319 - Mr. Dave Kreischer

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK, CANNED
FRUIT, CANNED MEAT

YOUTH/PARENT MEETING

All high school age youth and parents
are invited to a youth/parent meeting,
September 18 at 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. We
will be explaining our CYF program for
1983-84, introducing the leadership team,
and we will have a little fun! Plan to
be there!

SERMON SUNDAY: "ON BEING A FOOL"

Text: Luke 12:13-21

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 19-25

Ruth Eiler (19) Bert Leversee (22)

Virginia Johnson (19) Terry Roseberry (22)

Mary Novachcoff (19) Michele Coleman (22)

Rosalie Hall (20) Emily Jo Walton (23)

Klark Kerley (20) Robert Petty (24)

Ellen Crowder (21) Jennie Harter (25)

Ruth Norton (21) Sandra Kay Ferrell (25)

Nena Lucas (21)

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY

Women will be studying "They Meet the
Master". Classes begin September 21 at
1:00 P.M. for 13 Wednesdays. Books are
now available in the church office for
\$2.00. Babysitting available. Call the
church office or Karen Flickinger to en-
roll.

CLASSIFIED AD

1. Are you going to be a sixth grader in
September?
2. Are you going to be 99 on your next
birthday?
3. Is your age between item one and item
two?
4. Are you interested in working with
puppets?
5. Are you willing to practice, practice,
practice?
6. If your answer is yes to questions 3,
4, and 5, call 478-1012 after 6:00 P.M.
or 436-2798 during the day.

BOWLERS NEEDED

First Christian Church Bowling League
needs at least 8 more bowlers. Bowling
will be EVERY OTHER FRIDAY at 6:30 P.M.
beginning September 16 at Westwood Lanes.
Cost per individual is \$3.50 per evening.
So, if you have not yet signed up, we
need you! Youth teams are also needing
members. Contact John Ohneck at 447-2833
or the church office at 744-3239.

"WOMAN IN ALL HER SPLENDOR"

This is the theme for the Annual Inter-
faith Luncheon of Church Women United to
be held at noon, SEPTEMBER 27, at St.
Jude's Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton
Drive. Call our church office, 744-3239,
to reserve a ticket by September 18.
\$3.50 per person. No babysitting.

NEWS OF MEMORIALS

The friends and family of Ralph Keller
recently made possible the purchase of a
robe and seasonal stoles for Rev. Wilt-
fong's use in worship.

The friends and family of Geneva Fer-
guson and Laura Marks helped to make pos-
sible the purchase of a new copier for
the church office.

These gifts have been noted in our Mem-
orial Book in the Narthex. Our thanks
for these gifts.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

One of the Special Offering intake each
year as the Christian Church (Disciples
of Christ) is the Reconciliation Offering.
We help victims of abuse, refugees, Amer-
ican Indians, and many other peoples
through this over-and-above effort. En-
velopes for this special offering will be
in the pews this Sunday and next.



First Christian Church

Richard L. Hamm, Editor
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WELCOME GERALD MILLER

We have been seeking a new Assistant Music Director and Bell Choir Director. The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce we have secured the services of Mr. Gerald Miller. Gerald has many many years of experience in teaching music and in directing church choirs. We are delighted to have him with us.

BELL CHOIR TO BEGIN

Mr. Gerald Miller invites all of those persons of any age from 12 years to 100 years who are interested in maybe being in the Bell Choir, to meet with him after worship this Sunday. No obligation, but come and check it out! The meeting will be in the Chapel, and will be very brief!

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

The Bible is very important in the life of the church and in the life of a Christian. Often, however, it is revered from afar, held in high esteem, without being well known. There is an opportunity to learn what is in the Bible. We are wanting to offer Wednesday evening classes September 28, October 5, 12, 26 and November 2, 9. This would be the first in a series which would eventually cover the entire Bible. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in learning more about First Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ in general? Perhaps you are thinking of joining this congregation?

In either case, you are invited to a Membership Class for Adults each Sunday, 9:30 - 10:30 A.M., September 25 - October 30. Several leaders of the congregation will meet with the class to answer your questions.

The class will meet in the parlor (north of the Sanctuary). Come join us! Everyone is welcome (members, too!).

MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Membership Classes for children in grades 4 through 8 will meet at the church Saturday mornings at 10:00 A.M., from September 24 to October 29. Please contact the church office or Don Wiltfong (home: 447-2995) if your child will be attending!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, October 2, 9:30 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Classes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Membership Class for Adults

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THANK YOU

Many thanks go to Betty & Jack Jones who have been providing the cookies during the Coffee Hour on Sunday morning when no one has signed up. Thank you!

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Ruth & Earl Plummer in the recent death of Ruth's father, Arthur Saalfrank.

SPECTRUM DRAMA GROUP

The Spectrum Drama Group will be holding auditions in the near future for the Thanksgiving Dinner/Theater. Watch your Tidings for dates and time.

P.S. Spectrum meets every Sunday at 7:00 P.M. Everyone welcome!

church office or to Miriam Bixenman. If there are sufficient registrants, the church bus can be provided.

GOLDEN JUBILEE TEA A SUCCESS

Some 75 persons gathered in fellowship Hall Sunday afternoon for our Golden Jubilee Tea. Of our 36 resident 50 year members, 14 were in attendance, and of our 37 currently resident new members (since 4/1/82), 8 were in attendance. Entertainment was most enjoyable - vocal music by Sara Davis & Becky Stucky and instrumental music by a group of 6 headed by Glenn Miller & Don & Vee Parlette. Becca Olson wrote a most amusing original poem which added much to the program. Judy Church and her committee served delicious refreshments (including Marge Lehman's mints) and corsages for 50 year and new members made by Elinor Place truly added to the festivity. Everyone enjoyed seeing pictures of our members taken 50 years ago, but no one would venture a written guess to identify them. It was truly a good afternoon!

FALL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Our regional Fall Retreat for Women is at First Christian Church, Kokomo, on Friday, October 14. The theme is "Faith Resources for Stressful Days". Brian & Claudia Grant will be the keynoter. Brian is training director at Raines Counseling Center in Indianapolis and author of the book From Sin to Wholeness, and Claudia is pastor of Central Christian Church in Lebanon, Indiana. Registration fee is \$6.00 which includes lunch, if registrations are in by October 1, \$7.00 if later than that. Child care will be provided on request. Send registration (and money) to the (con't column 1)

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

One of the Special Offering intake each year as the Christian Church Disciples of Christ) is the Reconciliation Offering. We help victims of abuse, refugees, American Indians, and many other peoples through this ever-and-above effort. Envelopes for this special offering will be in the pews this Sunday and next.

EMBERS FOR PRAYER September 26-Oct. 1
Virginia Parker Reimer (26)
Paul Dunham (28)
Ellen Kreischer (28)
John Briggs (29)
Morris Sauerwein (29)
Alfred Richards (29)
Merry Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Jim Stucky (1)
Marjorie Copeland (1)
Fred Grier (1)
Anna Taylor (2)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

9-18-83

Doris Breitzmann, 352 Yates Avenue, Calumet City, ILL; Toni Grazian, 1914 Vermont St., Blue Island, ILL; Evelyn Cohns, 44 Buil, Forest Park, ILL; Mr. Brian Mossner, Fort Wayne; Hal & Bette Stringfellow, 2220-839 Dunkelberg; Gerald H. Miller, 3808 Plaza Drive; Chad Sperry, 3205 Ponema; Heather Chapin, 5630 Werling Drive.

HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

Sunday, September 28, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., the Christian Youth Fellowship will have its first regular meeting.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT,
P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Lyle Schaller in his book Understanding Tomorrow points out an interesting aspect of what we call problem solving. "Rarely are problems solved. Far more often after one problem is traded off for another problem - and hopefully it is a trade up rather than down."

This is, indeed, a good statement concerning the type of world we live in. It is a world of incompleteness. On the negative side this means that in any situation in life any "solution" will bring problems of its own. On the positive side, it means that the world is open to shaping & reshaping and to becoming ever new and more livable according to the solutions (and problems) we do choose. We are, in our world, able to "trade up" in the problems we are able to choose.

Thus, in this age, we are to always be frustrated, yet always eluded in the endeavor to work with God in "trading up" to a better world.

"For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of him who subjected it in hope." Romans 8:20

Keep "trading"!

Don

SERVING SEPTEMBER 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, E. Snouffer-
NW, B. Grimm, D. Rogers

10:45 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, M. Callahan-
NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, N. Lucas-NE,
L. Finkhousen, G. Falbe, M. Hamm,
B. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Haines, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Don & Vee Parlette

10:45 A.M. Carl & Mildred Linn

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bette Haines & Jim Stucky

ACOLYTES

Scott Creager & Dennis Hendrickson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

V. Taylor - S. Knuckles

B. Pauley - V. Brown

L. York - E. Conrad

G. Klepfer - R. Krull

BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Gini Brown

10:45 A.M. Ron Flickinger

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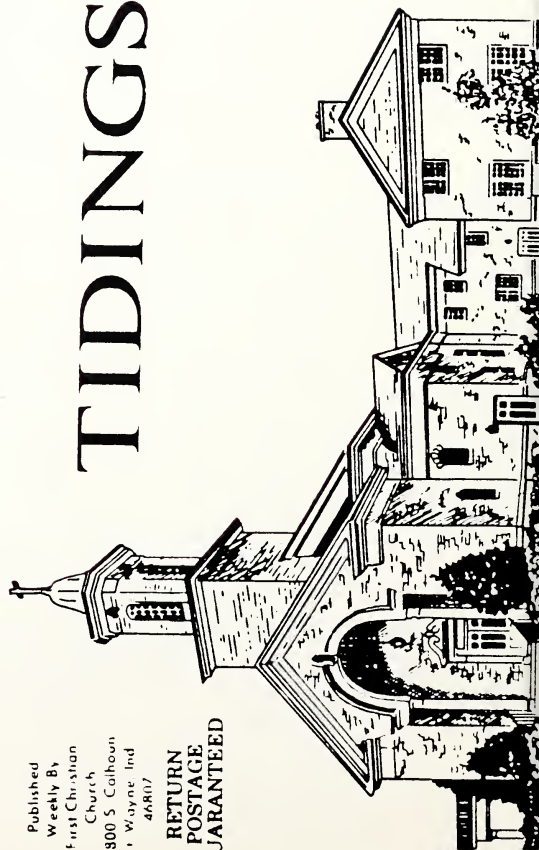
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BELL CHOIRS

Gerald Miller, our new Assistant Music Director and Bell Choir Director, is putting together the Bell Choirs, and would be delighted to talk to you about being a part of one of them. This is not just a program for youth - it is for all adults of all ages as well. So talk to Mr. Miller and see if it is something you might like doing.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

The Basic Bible Study series begins this week, Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room. This is the first of six classes, running to November 9, and covering the first half of the Bible, from Genesis to Isaiah. The focus is on content, getting an overview of what is in the Bible, and where it is.

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

The Chi Rho Youth Fellowship (grade 6 to 8) will meet Sunday, October 16. Watch for details!

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

For members who wish to learn more about First Christian Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or for any wishing to join our church family, two membership classes are going on now.

Youth from grade 4 to grade 8 are meeting in the conference room in the basement every Saturday morning at 10:00.

Older youth and adults can attend during the Church School hour, 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Church Parlor, on the same floor as the Sanctuary.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, October 2, 9:30 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Classes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting

9:30 A.M. Adult Membership Classes

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at the church

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible
Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred
Hogg's, 1206 Three Rivers,
East

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SYMPATHY

*Our sympathy is extended to Delores
Keebortz in the recent death of her
brother.*

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(Disciples of Christ) is the Recon-
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and many other peoples through this
over-and-above- effort. Envelopes
for this special offering will be in
the pews this Sunday.

SPECTRUM AUDITIONS FOR THANKSGIVING PLAY

THANKS DAD

Sunday, October 2

7:15 P.M.

CHARACTERS

Narrator

Voice of God

Jesus

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Martha

Wine Steward

John

Matthew

Lazarus

Mary, Sister of Lazarus

THANKS DAD is a twenty minute to
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour play on the life of Jesus
from the wedding at Cana and goes
through the crucifixion to the
time just before his ascension.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 3-9

Bruce Stone (3)

Becky Stucky (3)

Kathlyn Banet (4)

Tim Evans (4)

Jean McGrew (5)

Doug Rogers (5)

Earl Plummer (6)

Ruby Kolkman (7)

Eileen Klepfer (8)

Bill Johnson (9)

Joseph Overmyer (9)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

9-25-83

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Fishbaugh,
1111 S. Wayne, Bluffton, IN; Miss
Elizabeth Armstrong, Miss Anna
Reed, Micheal Reed, 5102 Holton
Avenue; Mark Shaheen, 6005 Lunada
Drive; Rick McCampbell, 4633 La-
fayette Esp.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you read this Mindy and I will have returned from General Assembly in San Antonio. This is a biennial meeting that is very much worth the time. Besides the opportunities for reaffirming and friendships, it is a time of inspiration, seeing what's new in various areas of the Church's life, and reaffirming our oneness in Jesus Christ. I am most grateful for the opportunity to attend. I'll report more fully to you later.

The recommended 1984 budget is enclosed. I think it is a fine statement in that it shows increases in outreach and in evangelism. If a church isn't growing in those two areas, it is dying! I feel a 4% increase is easily within our grasp. Bring your questions and comments with you to the Sunday morning meeting!

See you then!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

From last Friday to next Wednesday, September 23 to 28, is the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). That is where Dick is this week. But besides, causing a great number of pastors to abandon their pulpits for a Sunday, what does the General Assembly do?

It is not an easy thing to describe.

Officially, it is intended as the representative body of the Christian Church at the General level, the level which works with the congregations and regions of the Disciples on the North American continent.

Unofficially, it is more of an exhilarating, exciting, irritating, tiring, and rewarding whirlwind of activity. There are business sessions (which always fall behind in their agenda), dinner meetings with top-notch speakers, business sessions, agency reports, business sessions, Bible lectures, business sessions, lectures by national and international leaders, business sessions, and worship services. It usually closes with a business session to take care of the things that got bumped from the agenda from the earlier business sessions.

Dick will be tired when he gets home. But if you ask him how the assembly was, I'll bet he'll answer with a gleam in his eye!

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SERVING OCTOBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, J. Hahn-NW,
J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, B. Wyant-
NW, R. Krull-SE, M. Mullen-NE, P.
Tobias, W. Westerfield, B. Haines,
J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Bennett, T. York

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Margaret & Fred Jenkins

10:45 A.M. Glenn & Lola Miller

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ACOLYTES

Jackie Ohneck & Sara Mullen

BUS DRIVER

Doug Rogers

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

No one is in the hospital at time
of printing the Tidings.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, P-
NUT BUTTER, TUNA

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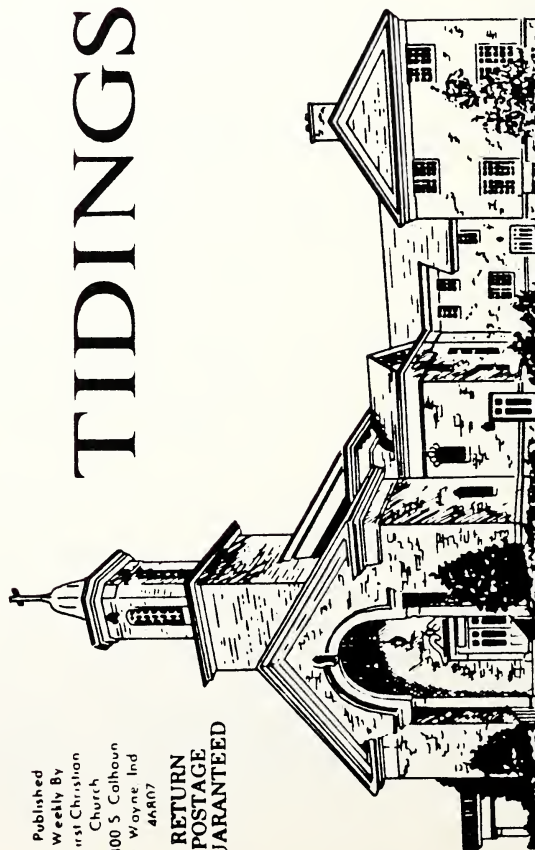
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YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

There are four young people enrolled in the youth membership class: Tara Cantrell, Connie Walters, Kennie Walters, and Chanel Novachcoff. All youth from the fourth to the eighth grades are invited to come Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00, until October 29.

CHI RHO

The Chi Rho Youth Fellowship for middle school age youth will have its first meeting for this year Sunday, October 16. Watch for details!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) meets Sunday at 5:30 p.m. All high-schoolers welcome!

DON'T MENTION AGE

Two upcoming programs: 1. October 18, we will take the bus to Indianapolis to see the Mission Building, CTS, and the colors. We'll leave at 8:00 a.m. and return about 6:00 p.m. Call the church office to R.S.V.P. by October 12, please! 2. Last call for Bear Creek Farms, October 30. We'll leave after church. Cost-\$11.50 per person. We need your check this Sunday!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING! VOICES NEEDED!

The Choir needs additional voices in order to be able to present beautiful Christmas music, which it has begun rehearsing. All voices are needed, but particularly men. Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., babysitting provided.

Come and help celebrate the Lord!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9:00 A.M. Pre-marriage Seminar
10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Adult Membership Class
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Spectrum

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Edna Vaught's, 4035 Fairfield

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Pagoda Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study Class
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Phyllis Tobias, 10719 U.S. 27 South

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 9:15 A.M. Rachel Group at church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

10-2-83

Chris Whitton, R.R.1, Remington,
IN; Mark Legler, R.R. 1, Remington,
IN; Dan & Lenelle Ross; Sherri &
Gene Monteith, 2744 Stardale #4.

erson(11) Terry Speicher(11) Jim
Taylor(11) Mamie Caldwell(12) Anne
Lee(12) Charles Wrisk(13) Tammy
Davis(13) James Bramel(14) Lorea
Kuhlman(14) Edna Vaught(15) Charles



OLDER ADULTS

FLINN DEDICATION

Emily Flinn home, in Marion, will be dedicating its new nursing wing Sunday at 3:00 p.m., October 9. Everyone is cordially invited. The Flinn home is one of our National Benevolent Association homes of the Disciples of Christ.

NEW TIME FOR BREAD FOR THE WORLD

The BFW group will now meet third Monday's beginning October 17, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m., at the church. Come and help do something about world hunger!

MEN'S MEETING IN AUBURN

All men are invited to a meeting at Auburn First Christian Church 6:30 p.m., this Sunday, October 9. Please call Dick if you wish to go as several will be riding together. Dr. Howard Goodrich is the featured guest.

Harshbarger(15) Eric Baugher(16)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a super Assembly! Great worship, singing, preaching, fellowship, and very interesting business sessions. It was a time for me to gain perspective on things here and to get new ideas and imagination. I needed that! Mindy, Mildred Hartman, and Mildred Hutchinson can tell you about it, too. The Assembly will next meet in Des Moines in 1985, which is much closer than San Antonio, so I hope we'll have a really large delegation there.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

To give someone your name is an act of trust. If someone has your name, they can usually find your address and phone number. Companies spend their money buying mailing lists of our names from each other. Every time I move becomes an opportunity to become "lost" to some unwanted mailing lists!

To know someones name is an act of intimacy. To know ones name is to begin to know the person. In the book of Exodus, Chapter 3, verses 13 to 15, God reveals his name to Moses, that he may give it to the Israelites. In the New Testament, John 10:3, we are told that Christ, the good shepherd, "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out".

Throughout history God has sought to reveal himself to humanity in trust and intimacy. God has sought to establish a relationship with us, that he might call us by name, and lead us. He has allowed us to know his name. Will we allow him to know ours?

Don

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 10-16 - Kathy Graham(10) Candace Cole(10)
Mildred Hogg(10) Doris Koehlinger(11) M. Robert Beachley(11) Gary Park-
(cont. column 1)

SERVING OCTOBER 9

ELDERS

- 8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Laura York
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

- 8:15 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, T. York-
NW, C. Olson, K. Rogers
10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, E.
Klepfer-NW, E. Conrad-SE, K. Flick-
inger-NE, S. Knuckles, W. Johnson,
T. Briggs, J. Briggs

USHERS

- 8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
T. York, J. Jones

GREETERS

- 8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger &
Jessie Fern Woodward
10:45 A.M. Beth Wiltfong &
Bette Haines

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Worship Committee

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Virginia Brown & Briggs'

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

A. Creager - M. Mullen
D. Keebortz - J. Franklin
R. Church - M. Wilhelm
Wm. Johnson - K. Place

ACOLYTES

Todd McBride & Dennis Hendrickson

BUS DRIVER

Jack Bennett

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

- 8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
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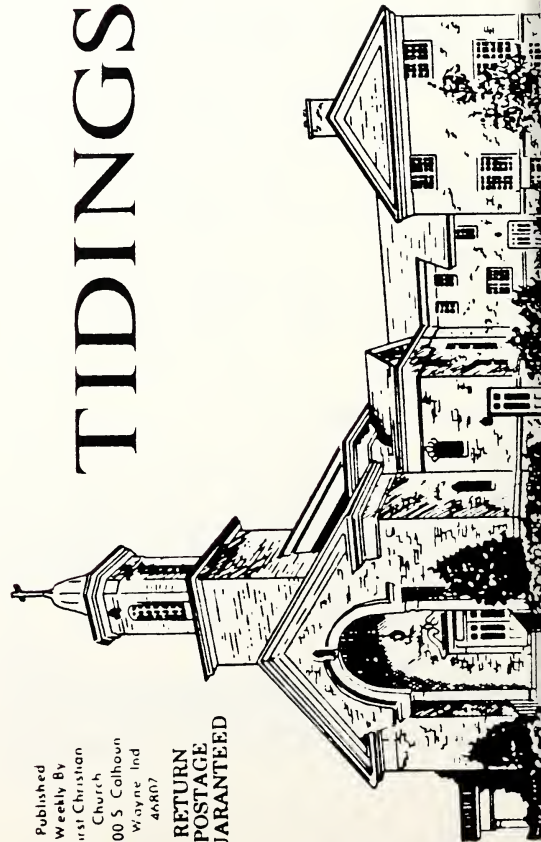
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MUSIC AWARENESS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16!

This special service will feature hymn singing of several periods and styles (including many old favorites) and special music including a string quartet. Bring a guest. Inspiring! Fun!

DO YOU SERVE A HELPING PROGRAM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?

If you do, we would like to hear from you! Please contact Mike Mullen (745-9154) or Dick Hamm. On October 19, at the Fellowship Dinner, these programs will be lifted up. It is an opportunity for your program to receive some publicity. Please call us by this Sunday, October 16.

DON'T MENTION AGE

Please call the church office if you wish to go to Indianapolis on Tuesday, October 18. We'll take the bus to the Mission Building, CTS, and to Indian Lake Conference Center. We'll see the colors along the way. Bring a lunch or buy one to eat on the Conference Center grounds. Please call to R.S.V.P. today!

FALL HARVEST THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, every member of the congregation will be asked to provide the name or names of unchurched persons so that the Evangelism Committee may extend to them an invitation to worship with us. Please think over and pray over names (and addresses and phone numbers, if possible) you will share for a Fall Harvest!

CYF LOCK-IN

Are CYF sponsors crazy? We must be! We will be locked in the church with all the CYFer's October 21 and 22, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 Noon. Yep - all night. For this, all CYFer's will need sleeping bags and toothbrushes and the like. Eat dinner before you come. We will have a balanced program of planning, worshipping, and funning.

See you there!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER, OCTOBER 19

On Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m., the church will join together for a potluck. The program will be presented by Outreach & Service. Please bring a meat dish or two other dishes, and table service. Come for an evening of fellowship and inspiration. Babysitting provided during the program, which will close no later than 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Adult Membership Class

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:00 P.M. Fellowship Dinner

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 P.M. Lock-In Begins - will
end around 12:00 Sat-
urday

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

10-9-83

Jim Jones, 9428 Mariners Ridge
Drive; Judith Lee, 2030 Woodhaven,
#6, Barbara Claypool, 2703 Hoag-
land.

CHI RHO KICK OFF EVENT

If your not yellow, you might
find this a-peeling. Its a Ba-
nana Bonanza, Sunday, October 16,
5:30 - 7:00 P.M. at the church.

All middle school age youth are
welcome!!

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MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 17-23

Herb Banet (17)

Lillian Breeden (17)

Ruth Ogles (17)

Dan Flickinger (17)

Fred Warner (18)

Deanna Roseberry (20)

Leatha Jones (21)

Rebecca Patton (21)

William Love (22)

Paula Meadows (23)

Don Pomeroy (23)

THANK YOU

My special thanks to all of y
for your prayers, cards, and visi
during my recent hospital stay.

Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, Karen a
Janet's visits and prayers helped
much. God Bless you All.

Mamie Caldwell

SEWING DAY - OCTOBER 19

Pre-op Dolls for St. Joseph
Hospital and rolled bandages f
Church World Service will be ma
October 19 in the Conference Ro
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or
long as you can stay. Bring a sa
lunch. Coffee and tea will be pr
vided. Also bring scissors, bas
color thread, any washable, bright
colored material for making the do
gowns, and odds and ends of yar
Also needed for the bandages a
pieces of white, freshly launder
sheets. If you would like to dona
some of these materials and cann
come on the 19th, bring them to t
church office or call and they c
be picked up. If you have a po
table sewing machine that can
used, please call Peggy Buskirk, 7
3365.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It was fun to think about the ministry and to share with you about it Sunday. Of course, every profession and occupation has its rewards and problems: "There is no free lunch". Yet, each calling is unique as well. I'm proud (in the right way, I hope) to be a minister and to serve this congregation.

In fact, it hit me Sunday how much I really have come to love this church. We have some of the finest folks I know right here in First Christian Church. There's no place I'd rather be, and I hope you feel the same. I have faith in our future, too. Some of our greatest days are ahead of us! Thank you for letting me, as one of your pastors, into your hearts.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Last April, in a hospital in Alabama, a man was sitting outside a recovery room, waiting to hear the condition of his son who had just been critically injured in an accident. He looked up at the natural wood door to the recovery room, and saw in it the image of a face resembling pictures of Christ.

No one had noticed the image before, but many agree that there is, indeed, a Christ like face on the door. Even people quite familiar with that part of the hospital, who had never noticed anything before, now see the figure.

I believe God is at work in the lives of all people, just as I believe the image on the recovery room door was there all the time. Many people just never notice him or recognize his working for what it is. Some discover him in a flash of insight; others of us need to have his working pointed out before they can come to see it. We need to become discoverers of the unseen obvious, and signposts to God's presence in life to others.

Don

SERVING OCTOBER 16
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, B. Kerley-
NW, V. Brown, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. L. Johnson-SW, M. Hamm-
NW, G. Falbe-SE, M. Callahan-NE,
N. Lucas, R. Flickinger, K. Flick-
inger, D. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, S. Creager,
B. Haines

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt

10:45 A.M. Jeannie & Davie Pratt

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Virginia Brown & Briggs'

ACOLYTES

Denay Ohneck & Amy Hayes

BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas (Bruce Lehman-riding)

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Mike Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

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497 - Mr. Morris Swift

PARKVIEW:

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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, TUNA, CANNED

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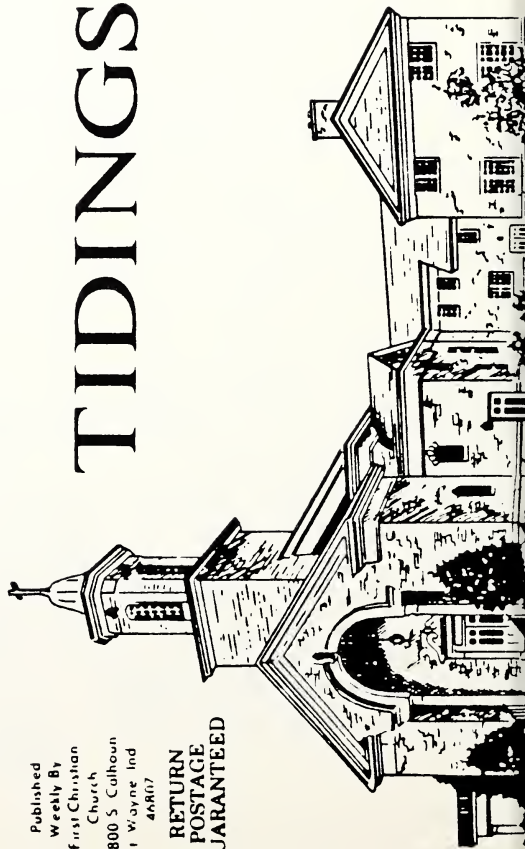
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WHAT DOES STEWARDSHIP MEAN?

A steward is one who takes care of someone else's property and affairs. Christian stewardship, then, means that as Christians we recognize that God is the owner of everything: our time, our talent, our treasure, our very lives. As Christians we are caretakers of what God has entrusted to us: our time, our talent, our money, our environment, everything.

We are accustomed to thinking in terms of private property, but our outlook on what we have is changed considerably when we think of ourselves as Christian stewards. Thinking of ourselves as Christian stewards means we will want to use our resources in ways which are pleasing to God and upbuilding of his Kingdom, in ways which serve and heal, bring peace and justice, and which glorify God.

We are now beginning our annual stewardship emphasis asking each member to give prayerful consideration to their estimate of giving in the new year. May we each think of ourselves as Christian stewards as we consider that our gifts to God through First Christian Church will be in 1984.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"

Is there someone you would like to honor in a very special way, for a birthday, anniversary or just because you love them? Is there someone you would like to pay special tribute to in their memory? Or just say Jesus I love you. If so we have a special flower calendar on the bulletin board across from the church office. Sign your name on the Sunday you would prefer to donate a floral basket to brighten our sanctuary. After the second service the donor may pick up their flowers. You may make your own arrangements with a florist, or you may donate money and the flowers will be bought. Price approximately \$30.00. Lets say it with flowers and fill our calendar. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

Love in Christ,
The Worship Committee

ALL COMMITTEES will meet October 25, Tuesday, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Please be on time. Babysitting provided.

SERMON: "ON BEING BROKEN"

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Adult Membership Class

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

10-26-83

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Pusey, 222 Floral Avenue, Portland, IN; Cory Koos, 4006 S. Calhoun; Mrs. R. Heiny, 4310 Kekionga-1; Mrs. Martha Double, 2335 Opechee Way; Bill Snyder, Payne, OH.

THANK YOU

Thank you goes to Sharon Pauley for two years of service heading our Extended Session program for younger children during second service. Her skills have served us well. Thanks, too, to those volunteers who have been staffing this program: Nena Lucas, Nancy Wyant, Connie Wells, Mindy Hamm, Becky Stucky, Lisa Jump, Rosemary Krull, and, of course, Sharon Pauley.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER October 24-30

Thomas Mathis (25)

J. Fred Smell (26)

Carolyn Bernhard (27)

Susan Creager (28)

Deborah Rinker (29)

Jeffrey Grier (30)

Ben Taylor (30)

Hazel Cleaver (30)

THIS IS THE WEEK, CYF'ERS

This Friday night and Saturday morning, 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 noon, is the planning lock-in. Come after dinner, bring a snack to share, \$2.00, a sleeping bag (or some facsimile thereof), personal items (especially soap, deodorant, and toothbrush - Please!), your ideas for the rest of the year, and maybe a friend.

A CHI RHO HALLOWEEN

The Chi Rho will be visiting the Haunted Forest at Franke Park, Sunday, October 30. If you survive, we will return to the church to ingest some possibly identifiable eatables. Be at the church at 5:30 - if you dare! (Cost is \$2.00 each).

BASIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. We will be studying I and II Samuel and I and II Kings.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was thrilled with Music Awareness Sunday, and received many positive comments about it. I wish to thank Jerry Zimmerman for doing much of the legwork and planning. Thanks to Sam Smith for arranging for the Philharmonic Quartet to be here. We are most fortunate to have a Philharmonic of such high quality in Fort Wayne.

You have probably seen much lately about Martin Luther. That's because he was born November 10, 1483.....500 years ago! Luther was the catalyst that sparked the Protestant Reformation, and his thought continues to drive and stimulate protestantism. Why not take the time to read one of the magazine articles or other materials about Luther? He was a great man and had a spiritual pilgrimage which today, 500 years later, you may well find relevant to your own life.

Have a good week! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Many people believe reading has largely become displaced by television, according to a recent article in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette. In fact, a record 50,000 books will be published this year. Book sales per capita rose from 2.75 in 1970 to 4.89 in 1980. We spend an average of just under two hours a day reading.

November 6 to 12 is Christian Literature Week in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will have a book display from the Christian Board of Publication. I invite you to browse through these books, and through the good collection of books in the church library, and add some religious books to your reading diet. You don't know what you might discover!

Sam

SERVING OCTOBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Rolland Ripple
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, B. Grimm-NW,
K. Place, T. Briggs
10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, K. Rog-
ers-NW, C. Olson-SE, J. Ohneck-NE,
B. Wyant, T. York, P. Tobias, R.
Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, J. Jones,
T. York

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney
10:45 A.M. Stan & Gloria Horine

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Betty & John Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Knuckles & Nena Lucas

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - B. Haines

R. Church - W. Westerfield

E. Brown - W. Johnson

S. Hayes - N. Lucas

ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Mark Zimmerman

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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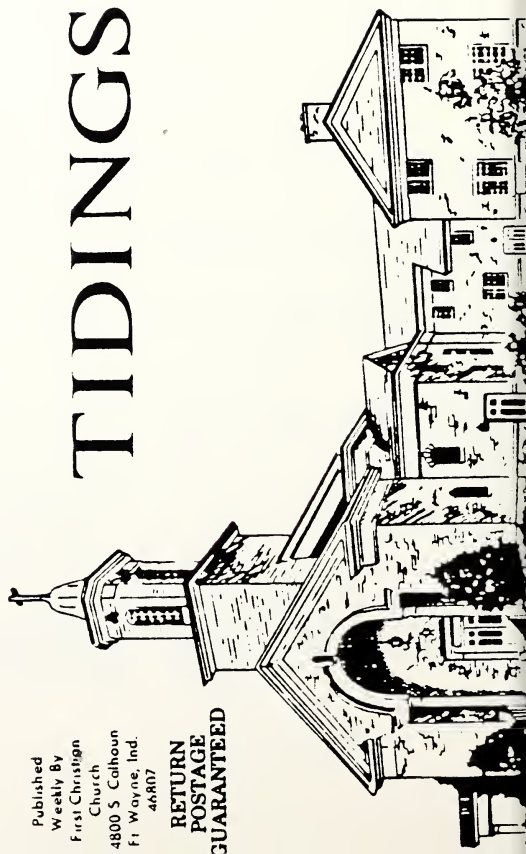
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WHAT WILL OUR 1984 OFFERINGS SUPPORT?

As we approach stewardship commitment time, we naturally want to know what our offerings will support. In fact, knowing how your gifts are spent is an important part of stewardship.

You will be receiving a copy of our 1984 program booklet "Vision 1984!" in your stewardship packet, and this will answer your questions in detail. Please take time to review it when it is delivered to you.

But generally, your gifts will do many things including:

- provide for youth programs that reach an increasing number of high school and junior high youth.
- provide for a sound Christian education program on Sunday mornings and through the week.
- provide for evangelism programs that will reach out and touch the unchurched, committing them to Christ and his church.
- provide quality worship experiences year round to inspire and challenge.

More next week.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Scott and Tanya Creager made their confession of faith on Sunday, October 16. They will be baptized on October 30. Welcome!

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Is there someone you would like to honor in a very special way, for a birthday, anniversary or just because you love them? Is there someone you would like to pay special tribute to in their memory? Or just say Jesus I love you. If so we have a special flower calendar on the bulletin board across from the church office. Sign your name on the Sunday you would prefer to donate a floral basket to brighten our sanctuary. After the second service the donor may pick up their flowers. You may make your own arrangements with a florist, or you may donate money and the flowers will be bought. Price approximately \$30.00. say it with flowers and fill our calendar. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

Love in Christ,
The Worship Committee

ELDERS MEET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 A.M. Youth Membership Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Adult Membership Class

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

5:30 P.M. Youth to the Haunted House

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Reba
Fusselman's, 6309 Bluffton
Road

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible
Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Almeda
Rice's, 3402 River Forest

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-23-83

Mr. & Mrs. Byron L. Embick, 1501
California Ave.; Mrs. Charley Smith,
Lawrenceburg, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Burnett, 511 Gordan, VanWert, OH;
Mr. Cliff Anderson, 921 E. Sycamore,
Vincennes, IN.

DICKENS DINNER GROUP

The Annual Dickens Dinner at IUPUI
will be Friday, December 2. If you
would like to go with a group from
the church, please contact the of-
fice immediately as we will order
tickets the first of the week.
\$12.50 per person includes meal and
bus ride. Call now!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Charles Schnobel (31)
Gary Falbe (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
August Mueller (31)
James Shirley (31)
Shari Eme (1)
Herdis Helmuth (1)
Coleen Wilcoxson (1)
Joe Wiley (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
Judy Church (2)
Audrey Corkwell (2)
Bill Wyant (3)
Jack Brickley (3)
Ron Feaser (3)
Ken Hawkins (3)
Bruce Finkhousen (4)
Marie Pritchard (4)
Ruth Stone (4)
Alfred Pattengale (5)
John Phillips (5)
Tony York (5)
Martha Christy (5)
Teresa Wagner (6)
Ennis Brown (6)
Jannette Grier (6)

WORSHIP LEADER NEEDED

The Education Committee is wantir
to establish a new worship progra
for children during morning worship.
Their worship would last about 20
25 minutes. We have several wh
have volunteered to assist, but w
need someone to serve as coordinato
If you are interested, please conta
Nena Lucas (442-4713) or the chur
office (744-3239).

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, P-NU
BUTTER, CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Plan for a gala holiday celebration Sunday, November 20, right after the second worship service. We will have a traditional thanksgiving dinner (cost for meat and beverage is \$1.00, 50¢ for children under 6), and the Spectrum Drama Group is presenting a Thanksgiving Drama. In order to know how many turkeys to buy, we need reservations as soon as possible. Call the church office, Miriam Bixenman, or Elinor Place. Watch future Tidings for full details.

Plan to be at the coffee hour on Sunday, November 27, for a very special birthday party!

PLATFORM NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We need someone to build a wooden platform in the sanctuary for the December 4 Christmas program. We also need donations of 2 x 4's. If you could assist in either way, please call the church office. The platform will be needed in mid-November.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The Annual World Community Day Luncheon will be Friday, November 4, at Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Road. The luncheon is at 12:00 with registration beginning at 11:00. The program was written by Australian Church Women and uses the theme, "No Longer Strangers". Cost of the luncheon is \$3.50. Registrations must be in to our church office or to Miriam Bixenman by Sunday, October 30 along with your money. The following gifts may be brought to the luncheon if you so desire (con't next column)

THE CHI RHO will visit the Haunted Forest next Sunday evening. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., and return to the church afterward to some probably warm & slimy ingestibles. \$2.00 will cover the cost of admission and slimy ingestibles. The whole thing should be over by 8:30 p.m.

CYFers to Trick or Treat for UNICEF next Sunday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m. Our territory is the area around the church and a little to the North. Come out and raise some funds for this worthwhile cause!

ALSO, CYFers...

We have been invited to Saturn (the town, not the planet) to a barn dance with their CYF on November 6. Be at the church at 4:15 p.m., with 50¢ to cover the cost of dinner (dinner for 50¢?). We will return about 8:45 p.m.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY con't

sire: blankets, men's and children's clothing, baby blankets, layettes, and Kleen Kid Kits (for further information call 424-7686), yard goods (at least 2 yards), and new bars of soap. Gift certificates may also be purchased in any amount. Child care will be provided on request.

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SERVING OCTOBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Al Creager

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, M.
Mullen-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs
10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield-SW, B.
Haines-NW, B. Kerley-SE, M. Crouse-
NE, R. Flickinger, S. Knuckles, E.
Conrad, M. Hamm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, K. Mory,
S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jefferson Young
10:45 A.M. Elinor & Ken Place

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kris & John Ohneck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Knuckles & Nena Lucas

ACOLYTES

Jackie Ohneck & Jennifer Byers

BUS DRIVER

Betty or John Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Bill Johnson

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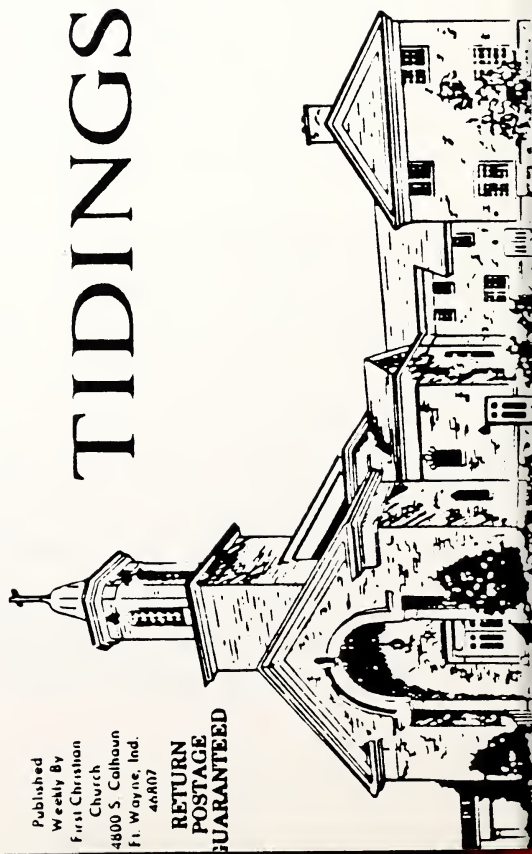
497 - Mr. Morris Swift

BUS AVAILABLE

The church bus is picking up
every Sunday. If you need a ride,
call the church office by Friday
morning. No charge.

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WHAT WILL OUR 1984 OFFERINGS SUPPORT?

Last week we began listing some of the things our gifts will support in 1984. Add the following:

- help for the victims of hunger and disaster the world over
- support for missionary work the world over
- the maintenance of a quality facility and grounds here in Fort Wayne
- support of a wide range of pastoral ministry carried out by staff and lay persons alike, including hospital and home visitation, pastoral counseling, and prayer

The church is many things to many people, and it is all made possible by God's grace and by our Christian stewardship. Let's give of our best to the Master!

This Sunday afternoon, callers will be visiting our members in order to deliver a packet of stewardship materials. They will not be asking for a pledge, but will only be delivering materials and answering your questions. Please try to be home during mid-afternoon if at all possible and welcome those who call on you! Thank you.

CWF HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Plan to attend this event from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12. Activities available will be:

- cross stitch by Pat Mullen and Nancy Wyant
- candy making by Sandy Zimmerman and Rosemary Krull
- communion cup ball by Miriam Bixenman
- yarn wreath by Mindy Hamm
- Christ centerpieces by Elinor Place
- folded star by Laura York

Please call Kris Ohneck (447-2833) for the activity that interests you and advise if you want it presented by demonstration or small group teaching. This event will be followed by a salad buffet. Each person is to bring a salad. Rolls and drinks will be provided by the Rachel Group. I hope to see you here!

BOARD MEETS - Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:15 P.M. Youth group meet to
go to Saturn
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Win-
dow Garden, 1 Summit
Square

7:30 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Pat
Mullen's, 4330 S. Har-
rison
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible
Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:15 A.M. Rachel Group at church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

will meet on Saturday, November
19 at 9:00 a.m. Please try to be
there if this involves you!

MEMBERS - FRIENDS

On November 20, the Sunday be-
fore Thanksgiving, the membership
Committee of the church is spon-
soring an ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING
DINNER. A donation of \$1.00 per
adult is needed for meat, potatoes,
gravy, dressing. The remaining
food will be carry-in.

The Spectrum performance "Thanks
Dad" will furnish light entertain-
ment. Please register at the table
by the coffee pot downstairs.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 7-13

Ruby Boxell (7)
James Evans (7)
Pam Bickel (8)
Ingrid Mosier (8)
Garnet Ford (8)
Emma Schell (9)
Marilyn McDougale (11)
Beth Schilling (11)
Diane Miller (11)
Jeannie Pratt (12)
Linda Breeden (13)
Linda Eich (13)
Leon Johns (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)

THANK YOU

*We want to thank all of you for
your prayers, cards, and visits
during my hospital stay. Dr. Hamm,
Rev. Wiltfong, Janet & Karen's vi-
sits and prayers helped so much.*
Fred Smell

PLATFORM NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PRO- GRAM

We need someone to build a wooden
platform in the sanctuary for the
December 4 Christmas program. We
also need donations of 2 x 4's. If
you could assist in either way,
please call the church office. The
platform will be needed in mid-
November.

CYFers...

We have been invited to Saturn
(the town, not the planet) to a
barn dance with their CYF on Nov-
ember 6. Be at the church at 4:15
p.m., with 50¢ to cover the cost
of dinner (dinner for 50¢?). We
will return about 8:30 p.m.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There's an old illustration going around again that I'd like to share with you. It concerns why geese fly in a "V" formation. Some engineers (Purdue grads no doubt) checked this out with a wind tunnel. Each goose, in flapping his/her wings, creates an upward lift for the goose that follows. When all the geese do their part in the "V" formation, the whole flock has 71% greater flying range than a single bird flying alone!

When a goose lags behind, the others "honk" him into place!

Seems to me the Church needs to fly in a spiritual "V".....each one helping the other, keeping each other steadfast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Dare I suggest we "honk" if we love Jesus?)

We are each one vital to the success of First Christian Church as a witness to this community and the world in 1984! We are each a part of God's "flock". Let's continue to "lift" each other.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW MEMORIAL POLICIES

A committee has been appointed to review our Memorial Trust Funds policy, since it has been several years since it was written and some questions have arisen which need clarification. Merle Grimm will chair this committee. If you have any questions or comments for the Committee, please relate those to Merle.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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Thanks.

If any member, friend or members friend needs transportation to Sunday church, at First Christian, you're in luck. Comfortable, reliable bus service is available.

Our bus, with the bugs ironed out, is building up a dependable "road" record. For 5 months it has been driven without major problems.

Please feel free to contact the church office before any Friday for a "pick-up". Watch next week for more news about our efficient transportation system.

The "lonesome" bus driver

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,
P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS

SERVING NOVEMBER 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. W. Johnson-SW, L. Johnson-NW, V. Brown, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, K. Place-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, L. Finkhousen-NE, E. Klepfer, G. Falbe, D. Rogers, B. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn

10:45 A.M. Marilyn Byers and Ken
Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Nena & Brett Lucas

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Pauley - E. Snouffer

V. Taylor - M. Hamm

A. Creager - J. Stucky

M. Bixenman - K. Flickinger

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gary Falbe & Finkhousen's

ACOLYTES

Krista Rogers & Tracy Kiessling

BUS DRIVER

Doug Rogers

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Karen Flickinger

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

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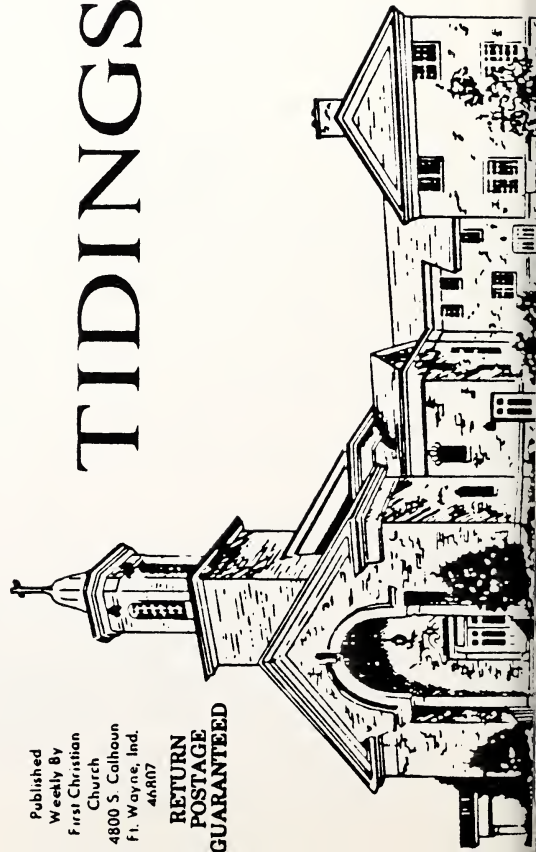
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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

This is Christian Literature Week. In fellowship hall, there is a book display for you to browse Sunday. There are excellent Bible study helps, devotional books, and more. Take a few minutes to have a look.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

By now, almost every member will have received a packet of stewardship information. If you have not received yours by this Sunday evening, please call the church office.

Please consider your pledge for 1984 carefully and prayerfully and then put it in the small white envelope provided and bring it to church this Sunday (or please mail it if you are unable to be present).

1984 promises to be an exciting year for First Christian Church as God takes our gifts and puts them to work for the Kingdom. If you have any questions, please call Dick Hamm (744-3239) or Mildred Hartman (745-1944).

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The All Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 12:15 p.m. (immediately following second service). If you have not already made reservations, please call this week so we will know how many turkeys to buy. Call the church office (744-3239), Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), or Elinor Place (639-6385) for reservations. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, gravy and beverage will be provided for a donation of \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children. Please bring covered dishes according to the following alphabetical arrangement: If your last name begins with the letters A-D, bring candied sweet potatoes sufficient to serve 12-15; the letters E-I, bring vegetables sufficient to serve 12-15; the letters J-M, bring salads sufficient to serve 12-15 (preferably cranberry or other fruit salads); and the letters N-Z, bring 2 pies (preferably pumpkin or mince). We are planning to send dinners to several of our special care people who live alone, so we need sufficient food. The Spectrum Drama Group, directed by Schellie Schell, will be presenting a comedy, "Thanks Dad" for our enjoyment. Child care for children under 6 will be provided during the play.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. Holiday Craft Workshop

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

4:30 p.m. Bell Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Groups

7:00 p.m. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Guild at
Mildred Hutchinson's,
442 W. Oakdale

7:00 p.m. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers
Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

1:00 p.m. Women's Study Group

6:45 p.m. Starshine

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING WILL BE
RECEIVED NOVEMBER 20

Everything that we have is a gift from God, our talents, our lives and our material goods. We have an opportunity to say "Thanks" with our Thanksgiving offering, November 20. This is a way to have a part in the works of God in our world, with this offering going to Home Mission of our church.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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REPORT OF SEWING DAY PROJECTS

"Thank You" to all those who responded with donations of time and material to make 28 pre-op dolls for St. Joseph's hospital.

The dolls are a great source of comfort to hospitalized children.

Approximately 15 pounds of rolled bandages were made from sheets. These are especially useful as the bases for plaster casts.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will be beginning a new book, When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold Koerschner on November 21. New members are invited.

PROJECT SAFE

Do you need help with winter fuel bills? If so, Project SAFE (State Allowance For Energy) is for you. Renters as well as owners are eligible. There are income guidelines. For more information, call Dick Hamm at 744-3239. Call now as applications are being taken.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

The following is the new address of Don & Beth Wiltfong: 1005 Ilisley Drive 46807; phone number is 745-0792.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 14-20

Melissa Orr (14)

Jim Hudlow (14)

Ethel Allen (16)

Tom Meadows (16)

Bernard Norman (16)

Robert Corkwell (18)

Muriel Baker (19)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH THE HUNGRY

- Share your canned goods and other non-perishables. Bring them to worship and place them in front of the Communion Table. These will go to the food pantry.
- On November 16, 2% of Scott's Food Stores receipts will go to the city Food Bank to buy food for pantries (including ours).
- Write letters to Congressman Dan Coats to encourage him to support a bill being sponsored by Bread For The World which will be introduced by Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) and Rep. Jim Wright (D-Tex.). The bill will encourage congress to channel some of our rapidly growing military assistance aid into development aid for projects which foster agricultural strength in the Third World. Information and materials will be available for this purpose Sunday in fellowship hall. You can have an important impact on public policy!

CWF HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Plan to attend this event from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12. Activities available will be:

- cross stitch by Pat Mullen and Nancy Wyant
- candy making by Sandy Zimmerman and Rosemary Krull
- communion cup ball by Miriam Bixenman
- yarn wreath by Mindy Hamm
- Christ centerpieces by Elinor Place
- folded star by Laura York

Please call Kris Ohneck (447-2833) for the activity that interests you and advise if you want it presented by demonstration or small group teaching. This event will be followed by a salad buffet. Each person is to bring a salad. Rolls and drinks will be provided by the Rachel Group. I hope to see you here!

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

will meet on Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. Please try to be there if this involves you!

CHI RHO will have a planning meeting, 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, November 13. CYFer's meet to make Chrismons this Sunday.

BASIC BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday, November 16, will be the last meeting of the Basic Bible Study Class. A class covering the second half of the Bible, from Jeremiah to Revelations will begin in January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There will be a teacher's meeting Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

ELDERS will not meet November 15, since we met November 1.

SERVING NOVEMBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Bob Pauley

10:45 A.M. Al Creager and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-NW, J. Ohneck-
SW, B. Grimm, S. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, J. Stucky-
NW, T. York-SE, T. Briggs-NE, J.
Franklin, K. Flickinger, K. Rogers,
P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, T. York,
J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Donna & Bob Johnson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Pat & Mike Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gary Falbe & Finkhousen's

ACOLYTES

Todd McBride & Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Doug Rogers

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky

10:45 A.M. Eric Zimmerman

100th Birthday Party

One of our members will be 100
years old the last of this month.
The coffee hour on November 27
will be in honor of this mile-
stone in her life. Be sure to
plan to attend this party for
Opal Perkins.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Cereal, Canned
Fruit, Canned Meat, P-Nut Butter

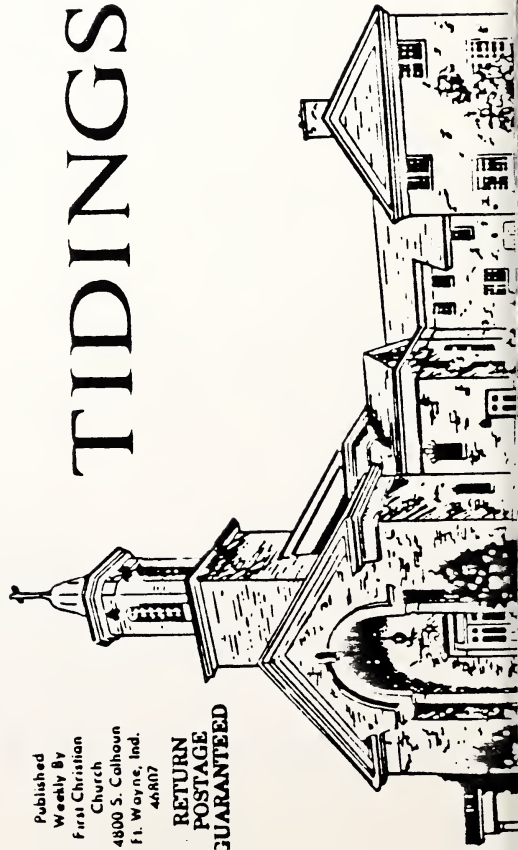
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HELP - CALLING - ALL - LADIES

On December 4th our Chancel Choir will be presenting a Christmas Musical Program followed by a dessert smorgasbord. The Worship Committee is asking every lady of our congregation to donate one or if possible two desserts. For the past two years the Musical Program and smorgasbord attracted approximately 250 people. We expect that many again this year. These desserts may be brought Sunday morning as you come to worship or Sunday evening on the 4th of December.

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

The Worship Committee is planning to use poinsettias to decorate the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas Season. We will purchase these plants from one florist at approximately \$8.50 each. Any amount may be donated. These plants may be donated in memory or to honor someone or just as a gift. After December 18th, they will be taken to our hospitalized and shut-ins. The donors will be listed in the Tidings. Indicate your desire to participate by calling the Church Office (744-3239). Donations of any amount should be clearly marked "Poinsettias". Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday of Advent and at 5:00 p.m., we will have the annual "Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary. Come one and all and catch the spirit of Advent with our church family.

Sunday School Classes should decorate their own classrooms.



FREE
TO
GIVE...

Thanksgiving Offering

BREAD FOR THE WORLD WILL MEET

on Monday, November 21, 7:15- 8:45 p.m.

All persons interested in helping to alleviate hunger are welcome!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Board
Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON All Church Thanksgiving
Dinner
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 21-27

Lee Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Margaret Leversee (22)
Roger Parkerson (22)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Troy Harter (24)
Charles Green (25)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Ron Flickinger (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Elva Stephens (25)
JoEllen Hendrickson (26)
Frederick Sheets (26)
Jerry Ferguson (27)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, P-
NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

You are cordially invited to attend the worship service at 10:45 a.m. at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Sunday, November 27, and the coffee hour following.

The coffee hour is in honor of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Opal Perkins, a member of First Christian for more than 50 years.

MISSION NEEDS

Mr. Dan Hoffman, who is on the staff of the General Offices of the Disciples of Christ and is in charge of our mission work in Africa, was in Africa recently. He tells of a center for women in Bolenge, Zaine, where they are teaching 50 women to sew. The center badly needs thread, embroidery needles, and yardage (at least 2 yard lengths) of light weight cotton material. Indiana women are being asked to supply these needs. A box will be placed at the door for any donations you would be willing to make. These supplies need to be in by December 1 so they can be mailed to Mr. Hoffman by December 5, as he is making another trip to Africa in December.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Miss Mary Sanders, Angola, Ind.;
Miss Loretta Sanders, Angola, IN;
Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Place, 22717
Redfield Rd., Edwardsburg, MI;
Mrs. Gerlad Miller, 3808 Plaza Dr.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe, but Advent is nearly here! Advent is the four weeks before Christmas (beginning Sunday, November 27). During these days leading up to Christmas, we will have many special events which I hope you will watch for and enjoy. Our Advent sermon series will be entitled "The Good News Brings.....Hope, Peace, Joy, Love."

I hope that you will take advantage of Advent as a time to invite the unchurched to worship and that you will plan to be present yourself all four Sundays....not to mention Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Join me in seeking to make this a truly spiritual Christmas.

Thank you for your prompt response to our stewardship emphasis. We'll have a report of the results next week.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. The Sermon Sunday will be "On Spiritual Discipline". In preparation, read Matthew 22:34-37 and Ephesians 4:11-14. What does it mean to be spiritually disciplined....especially in our day?

PLEDGES TO BE DEDICATED

This Sunday, November 20, our pledges will be dedicated in 10:45 a.m. worship. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please bring it this Sunday or mail or drop it by the church. If you have not received a stewardship information packet, please call the church office or Mildred Hartman (745-1944). Thank you.

Rev. Wiltfong will be away Monday, November 21 through Monday, December 5.

The CYF will be washing cars on the afternoon of Saturday, November 26 (if the weather cooperates). Come support your High School Youth Group and get your car clean at the same time!

The CYF is planning to see the movie, "The Prodigal" on the afternoon of November 19. If you have not been contacted but would like to go, contact the church secretary, or Don Wiltfong.

Don't forget the coffee hour on November 27 to honor Opal Perkins 100th birthday. Coffee hour that day will be in the Parlor with children's coffee hour in Nursery II.

SERVING NOVEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Ben & Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, K. Place-
NW, J. Hahn, D. Rogers

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, E. Conrad-
NW, R. Krull-SE, W. Johnson-NE, W.
Westerfield, L. Johnson, M. Hamm,
J. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, K. Mory,
C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Almeda & Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Ruby Mowery & Shannon
Jones

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thanksgiving Dinner

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - J. Franklin

D. Keebortz - J. Ohneck

J. Church - Wm. Kerley

C. Olson - E. Zimmerman

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Roger's & Eunice Conrad

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & Scott Creager

BUS DRIVER

Brett Lucas (Bus Driver)

Bruce Lehman (Riding)

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

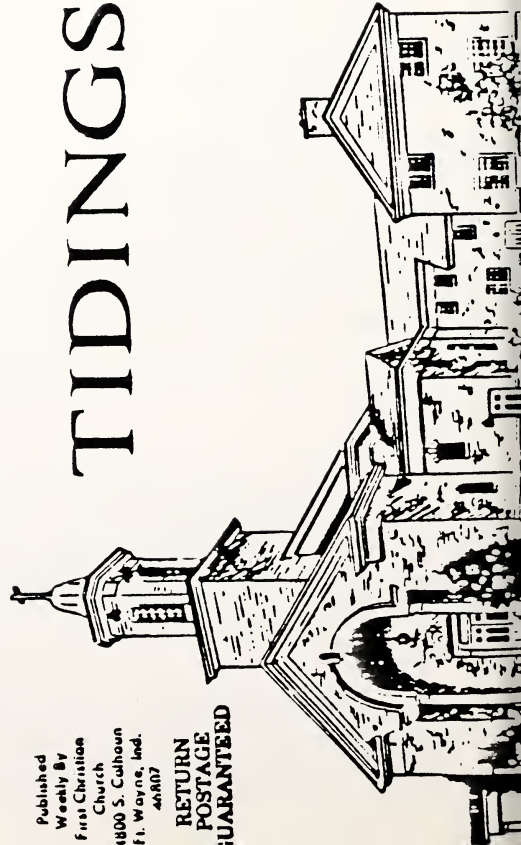
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CELEBRATE CHRIST! FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27

SERMON: "THE GOOD NEWS BRINGS HOPE"

TEXT: Luke 1:26-38

HANGING OF THE GREENS - 5:00 P.M.

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

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NEEDED - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 A.M. CYF Car Wash

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:00 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

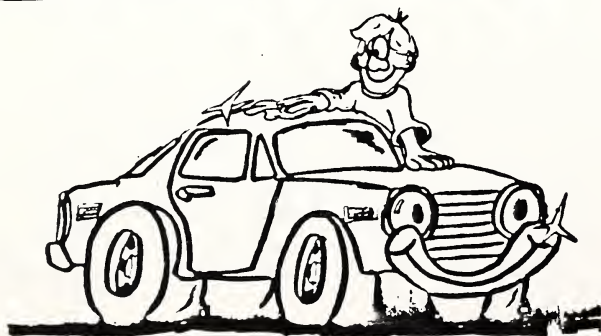
6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Rychie
Smell's, 4126 Roxton Ln.

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

**KEEP YOUR
CAR HAPPY**



MAKE YOUR CAR HAPPY!

Bring it to the FAMOUS CYF Car Wash! Saturday, November 26, 9:00 - 4:00. Free will donations accepted.

THANK YOU

Sincere appreciation to all of the callers who made calls for the Stewardship Campaign.

Mildred Hartman

THANKS GROUP!!

Thanks to the Spectrum Drama Group for "Thanks Dad", a play presented at the Thanksgiving Dinner. Schellie Schell is the Director of the group.

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The coffee hour is in honor of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Opal Perkins, a member of First Christian for more than 50 years.

Do you know of a job that needs to be done in your company or business that requires an honest, hard working person with maintenance skills? If so, please call Dick Hamm and discuss it with him confidentially. You could help a good man and your company.

CYF

Besides the car wash on Saturday (be there at 8:30!) which we know you will not miss, Sunday Night is the Hanging of the Greens. Come at 5:00 and bring a decoration for the Youth Lounge. We will be looking at Friendship - so come with a friend!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

11-20-83

James and Lisa Schaub, 7355 Lakeridge.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope you had an opportunity to see the movie, "The Day After", and that you heard the rather well balanced discussion on "Viewpoint" following the movie. I think perhaps the most important statement of the evening was from a young woman who said in effect "it is not hopeless, we do have a choice".

In this often cynical age, we sometimes come to believe or to suspect that we really do not have a choice in life events and world affairs. But we do. God has made us stewards of the earth and of our own lives. This is a bit frightening to us at first, but it should also be freeing.....freeing us to act responsibly and to live our lives knowing we can make a difference.

See you Sunday. The Good News brings hope!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I was misquoted in a recent newspaper article. If you have a question about it, please call me. Thanks.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In the 1960's, when Bob Dylan was popular as a songwriter/singer, he was a practitioner of the art of "put-on". During an interview, his answers were largely non-sequiturs and nonsense. At the time he was seen either as a sort of flippant wise-man or as one of the many kooks on the popular scene.

Recently, however, Dylan gave his reasons for his former style of response. "If you look at it seriously and gave serious answers, you'd just get hurt!" The press was so story-crazed that a celebrity was victim to much irresponsible reporting.

When we encounter nonsense behavior, either in ourselves or in another, take the time to reflect on why it is being done. An ounce of understanding is worth a pound of judgement, for judging is not dealing with the problem, but dismissing it. "Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart". (I Cor. 4:5)

Don

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER November 28 - December 4

Mary Sue Ludwig (28); Ken Perkins (28); David Pratt (28); James Clausen (29); Opal Perkins (29); Mary Piatt (29); Bethel Breeden (1); Cindy Akers (3); Wayne Phillips (3); Karen Flickinger (4); Donna Johnson (4).

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inger-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, E. Klep-

fer-NE, C. Olson, B. Kerley, G.

Falbe, L. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,

B. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, B. Haines,

S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bruce Lehman

10:45 A.M. Mimi & Wes Westerfield

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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Krista Rogers & Tammy Davis

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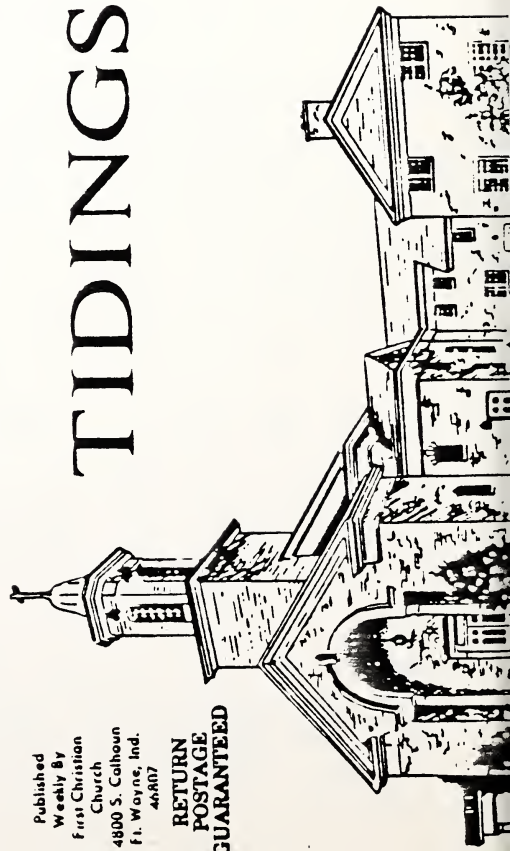
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CELEBRATE CHRIST! SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4

SERMON: "THE GOOD NEWS BRINGS PEACE"

TEXT: Acts 16:19-24, 10:36, John 14:27

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND DESSERT - 5:30 P.M.

ALL WELCOME!

CHOIR MUSICAL THIS SUNDAY - 5:30 p.m.!

Our Chancel Choir will present "Emmanuel", a Christmas Cantata by Eugene Butler. After this beautiful presentation, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for a dessert smorgasbord. Don't miss it! Please bring a guest! Babysitting provided.

ALL LADIES - A REMINDER

December 4 is the Choir Christmas Program followed by a dessert smorgasbord. The Worship Committee is asking each lady to donate one or if possible two desserts for this special evening. These desserts may be brought on Sunday morning as you come to worship or Sunday evening.

DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIAS

The deadline for informing the church office of your intentions to provide a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary during the Advent-Christmas Season is December 5. The plants will be approximately \$8.50 each. May be donated in memory or to honor someone or just as a gift. After December 18, they will be taken to our hospitalized and shut-ins.

HERE WE GO A-CAROLING

Join the fun and brighten the season for others. Everyone is invited to meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, December 11 to go by bus to carol at the homes of our shut-ins. We will return by 7:30 or so for refreshments at the church.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, December 6, 1983 at 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Christmas Musical

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9:30 A.M. Ruth Group
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:15 A.M. Rachel Group at the church
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

DECEMBER-LAST MONTH OF 1983

In order to receive tax credit for 1983, gifts and offerings for this year must be received by noon, December 31. Let's finish the year with a financial "bang" by completing our giving for 1983 on time!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Beginning in January, we will need a person to take charge of duplication of tapes for distribution. If you would be able and willing to come in on Mondays and make copies, call the church office, please. This will be about a 30 minute per week job.

CYF

There will be no CYF this week, December 4. Come to the Choir Program! We will go Caroling with the rest of the church on December 11.

THANK YOU'S

The Guild has given \$300.00 toward a spectrophotometer for one of our mission hospitals in Paraguay. Thank you ladies!

Thanks to all who came and had their car washed! (We couldn't stop the rain...). Also, special thanks to Bob & Julie Briggs, Eric Mory, Ken Perkins, and Eric Zimmerman. \$120.00 was raised.

CYF Service Comm.

Thanks to Miriam Bixenman and the Membership Committee and other helpers who made the Thanksgiving Dinner possible and the reception for Opal Perkins. These were both wonderful events!

IN HONOR OF OPAL PERKINS

The Perkins family, in honor of their mother's 100th birthday, have given the church a cassette duplicator. The machine will make three copies of cassette recordings at a time in less than a minute. As soon as the machine is in place, we will be able to offer recordings of our services to our shut-ins, as well as recordings of other events and seminars.

NOTE TO HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive cassette tapes of our worship services, please call the church office. Also, please indicate whether or not you have a cassette tape player.

THANKS

Thanks to Steve Creager for volunteering to change the sign every Monday.

JOB NEEDED

Do you know of a job that needs to be done in your company or business that requires an honest, hard working person with maintenance skills? If so, please call Dick Hamm and discuss it with him confidentially. You could help a good man and your company.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

11-27-83

Mrs. Alice L. Hart, 3810 S. Lafayette; Mr. Phillip & April Flook, 325 Kinsmoor Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Marion Blue, 6370 N.S.R. 53, Tiffin, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blue, Fort Seneca, OH; Mrs. Lana Christy, 214 W. Broad, Angola, IN; Cynthia, Nicholas, Tony, & Emily Perkins, Lockport, ILL; Phil & Emily Perkins, Crown Point, IN; Zuckerman Family, Stow, OH.

FOUND - An apple tie tack. Call the church office to claim!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 5-11

Mildred Arruza (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Sue Kerley (7)
Lois Coleman (8)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Sandra Elser (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Laura Sauerwein (11)
Mabel Shinn (11)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PANTRY

Would you like to help as a volunteer - 1 morning every other week, from 9:00 - 12:00? Please call the church office (744-3239) or Val Taylor (447-7185). Thank you.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Linda Kirtley, my daughter, by Jessie Fern Woodward;
In Memory of John Gerrard & Dorothy Jones by Jack & Bette Jones;
In Memory of Ralph Keller by Jackie Keller;
In Memory of Arthur Mowery by Ruby Mowery & Family;
In Memory of their parents by Ennis & Gini Brown;
In Memory of Walter Keebortz by Delores Keebortz;
In Memory of Harry L. Ashe & Leona D. Schnobel by Charles & Bernice Schnobel;
In Honor of Ina Smith by Mary King;
In Honor of Peggy Buskirk by Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Stucky & Miriam Bixenman;

GIFTS FROM:

Kathryn Cullen, Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Huddleston, Mildred Tharp, E. Eileen Klepfer, Evelyn Yeoman, Dorothy Schmidt, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Bill & Marge Lehman, Bob & Bev Hendricks & Family, Homer & Hortense Stevenson, Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk, & The Mullen's.

SERVING DECEMBER 4
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Rolland Ripple
10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, W. West-
terfield-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs
10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, K. Rog-
ers-NW, M. Mullen-SE, K. Flickinger-
NE, M. Finkhousen, K. Place, L.
Johnson, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, C.
Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John Kelly
10:45 A.M. Nancy & Sam Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dave & Jeannie Pratt

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Wm. Johnson - R. Flickinger
B. Taylor - B. Grimm
G. Klepfer - N. Lucas
C. Olson - T. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Mike Mullen

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Sara Mullen
BUS DRIVER

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen"

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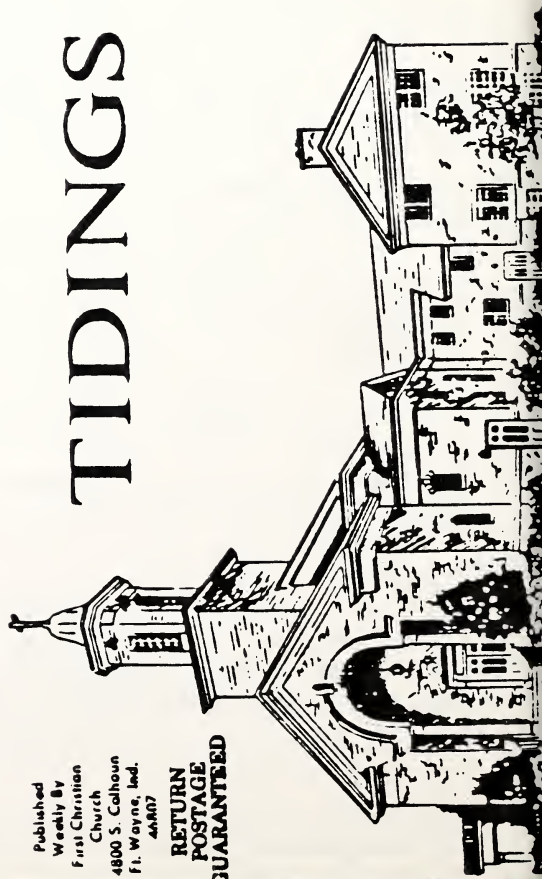
Intensive Care - Delores Overmyer

PANTRY/FOOD BANK ITEMS:

Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter, Canned
Fruit, Soup

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CELEBRATE CHRIST! THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11

SERMON: "THE GOOD NEWS BRINGS JOY"

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - 6:30 P.M.

D.M.A. SUPPER & LIGHTS

Tuesday, December 13, 5:00 P.M., the D.M.A. will leave from the church on the bus to go out to eat and then to tour the lights. Everyone is welcome. Please bring money for supper at Knapps(your choice of menu) and \$1.00 for the bus.

HERE WE GO A-CAROLING

Join the fun and brighten the season for others. Everyone is invited to meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, December 11 to go by bus to carol at the homes of our shut-ins. We will return by 7:30 or so for refreshments at the church.

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

Do you have something you want to sell or rent? Have you been looking for a particular item and can't find it? Do you have a special service you can perform or a business you work for or own and would like the rest of the congregation to know about? You can find it or advertise it on our new bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

You can advertise for sale, or rent, items you would like to purchase or tack your business card up. Also available are spaces for church activities your group may have coming up and bus scheduling. Index cards are provided so help yourself to our congregational bulletin board.

NOTE: Don't forget to look on the other side for messages from Dick and Don.

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - All ushers and deacons meet 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be there.

CYF AND CHI RHO - Make sure and come caroling on December 11!

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS - Please meet Wednesday, December 14, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room.

THERE WILL BE NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Deacons & Ushers Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

6:30 P.M. Christmas Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild Christmas Covered Dish Dinner at Miriam Bixenman's & Peggy Buskirk's, 4430 Wilmette

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Olympia Athletic Club

5:00 P.M. D.M.A. Supper & Lights

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:30 A.M. Pantry/Food Bank Volunteers Meeting

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:00 P.M. Elders Salary Committee

7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Laura York's, 6008 Arlene Ave.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

12-4-83

Mr. Lance Garver, 210 W. Tillman Rd.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER December 12-18

Sara Davis (12)

Harley Meadows (15)

David Overby (15)

Debra Stam (16)

Frances Eckert (17)

Thelma Haxton (17)

THANKS

Several persons volunteered to help with the homebound cassette program. Thank you. Steve Creager and Dave Kreischer will be serving.

FAMILIES FACING CANCER PROGRAM

Parkview Hospital Oncology Center, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., December 12. "Living with the Threat - Testing Your Faith:." No charge. Call 482-9181 for more information.

ATTENTION - PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class Party will be Friday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Bring a covered dish. Meat rolls, and drink will be furnished. There will be a gift exchange. Friends and former members are invited.

DECEMBER - LAST MONTH OF 1983

In order to receive 1983 tax credit, gifts to the church must be in the office by noon, December 31. Thank you.

TWO WAYS TO GIVE TO CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

1. Instead of sending Christmas cards to fellow members, send one to the whole church family by mailing it to the church office or just dropping it by.

2. Give socks and mittens for the tree in fellowship hall.

Cleveland Children's Home is a facility of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

I hope you were present for the Cantata Sunday night. We are very proud of our choir. They did a beautiful job. Our thanks goes to Ann Hayes, Jerry Zimmerman, Gerald Miller, and to both the Chancel and Bell Choirs for a job well done!

Everyone was saddened at the death of Delores Overmyer. It was quite unexpected. But then who ever really knows what the future brings? I believe she was ready, and in that we can rejoice.

The Sanctuary is gorgeous now with all the greens and other decorations in place! If you have been away from church for a long time, this is a great time to come back, and I'd love to see you! Why not resolve to get back to your church home as the new year approaches?!

Blessings on us each as we continue to prepare for the coming of the Christ child! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

*In Memory of Andrew Schilling by The Bill Schilling Family;
In Memory of Jon M. Zimmerman by The Jerry Zimmerman Family;
In Memory of Paul Kenline by Fern Kenline;
In Memory of Maurice Cook by Mary Cook;
In Memory of Rhea Clay by David & Ellyn Kreischer;
In Memory of Geneva Ferguson by Walter Bowen;
In Memory of Lena Louman & Mabel Love by Bob & Esther Clipp;*

GIFTS FROM:

A Friend, and Gladys Hoop.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jerry & Diana Blomeke are the proud parents of a baby girl, Erica Lynn, born on Monday, December 5.

SERVING DECEMBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Laura York

10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, P. Tobias-NW, T. Briggs, B. Kerley

10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, M.

Callahan-NW, D. Rogers-SE, M.

Hamm-NE, T. York, N. Lucas, B.

Wyant, B. Haines

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,

B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, H.

Stevenson, S. Creager, J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Kathryn Cullen

10:45 A.M. Deloris Anspach and

Beth Wiltfong

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dave & Jeannie Pratt

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Rosemary Krull & Mike Mullen

ACOLYTES

John Flickinger & Robbie Critell

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Miriam Bixenman

10:45 A.M. Mindy Hamm

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Mrs. Helen Reynolds

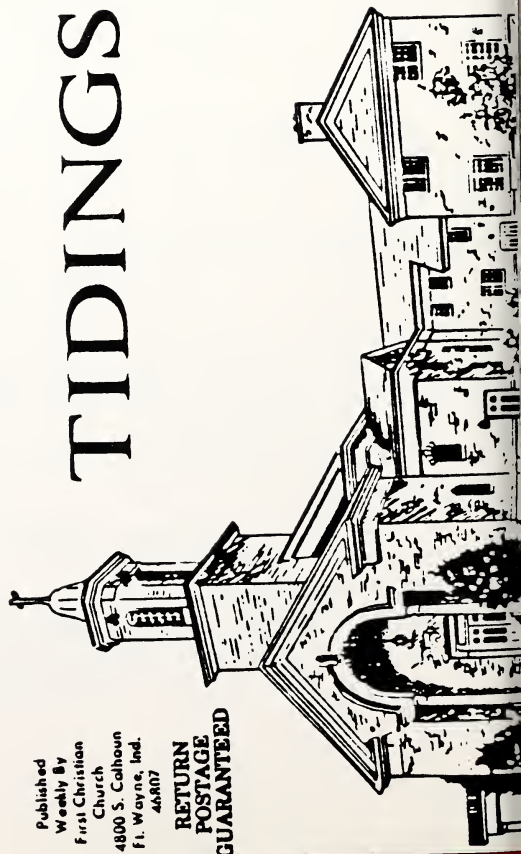
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Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter,

Canned Fruit, Soup

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CELEBRATE CHRIST! FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18

SERMON: "THE GOOD NEWS BRINGS LOVE"

TEXT: Matthew 22:36-40, I John 4:9-12

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Shari Hensch, granddaughter of Ennis and Gini Brown, transferred her membership this Sunday. We welcome Shari! She lives at 1718 Sherman 46808.

STILL SOME TO BE HEARD FROM

There are still a few persons who have not returned their pledge card for 1984. Please call the office if you need a card. Save someone a call and return your card today. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:00 P.M.: Family Service for all ages. This service will be presented by our Christian Youth Fellowship.

11:00 P.M.: Candlelight Communion Service. This service will be a more traditional service. All are welcome!

Please take the opportunity to bring friends and kin to these services!

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 25, we will have no Sunday School. We will have one worship service at 10:15 A.M., with no extended session (this will be a family service). The Worship Committee hopes this time will be late enough for those who have Christmas at home and early enough for those who are planning Christmas Dinner at grandma's!

DECEMBER - LAST MONTH OF 1983

In order to receive 1983 tax credit, gifts to the church must be in the office by noon, December 31. Thank you.

THERE WILL BE NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER!!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. CYF Meeting
7:00 P.M. Spectrum Drama Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Memorial Fund Review Committee at Dinner Bell Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THANKS

Thanks to the Church for providing donuts for the deacons and usher meeting. Betty Briggs is now chairman of the diaconate, as Chip Olson (formerly co-chairman), has become an elder. Thanks to Wes Westerfield who has accepted the position of head usher, and to Homer Stevenson who served as head usher pro tem and who continues to serve each Sunday.

MISSING - A SILVER TRAY

A 12" silver tray, last seen for the Golden Jubilee Tea. Please contact the church office (744-3239) or Judy Church (447-5691).

Thank you.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY

Join us beginning Wednesday, January 4, 1984, as we study with Larson and Miller, One-to-One With God. This is a personal growth workbook on Christian Caring. Class begins at 1:00 for 12 weeks. Babysitting provided. Call the church office (744-3239) or Karen Flickinger (747-6832) to register. Books are on order and will be \$5.95 each. January 4 we will discuss Chapter 1, "Called to Love".

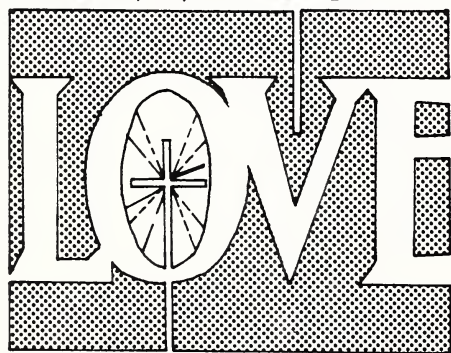
BILL PAYER NEEDED

If you would be willing to serve as one who handles the financial transactions for a homebound person (writing checks, reconciling accounts, etc.), please call Dick Hamm for more information.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-Nut Butter, Canned Fruit, Cereal Crackers

FREED TO



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please Give Generously

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

This year the Christmas Offering will be received on Christmas Day. This is an over-and-above gift which is used by Basic Mission Finance to extend the work of the Church by giving visible help to many areas of need in the world. In Christ, we are Freed to love and help others.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was delighted to see, in spite of the heavy rain, about 32 carolers Sunday evening. It was fun, as always. Also, we had a dandy crowd Sunday morning....that always starts my week well! This is a great time to be inviting friends to worship - including Christmas Eve.

The Stewardship Emphasis for 1984 has gone well, and I want to thank Mildred Hartman, Chairwoman, and the hosts of callers and helpers who assisted this important effort. We will report the results to you as soon as we have heard from everyone. Please return your card if you have not already done so. We need every pledge in order to move forward. 1984 will most certainly be a landmark year for First Christian Church.

I hope your sense of anticipation for Christmas is growing! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

SARAH SMITH HONORED

In recognition of Sarah Smith's 48 years of service to the Fort Wayne Youtheatre, a scholarship has been established: The Sarah Shroyer Smith Scholarship. It will be awarded to a Youtheatre student pursuing the arts as a career. We're proud of Sarah!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER December 19-25

Cindy Ebetino (19)
Albert Farrow (19)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Marge Lehman (20)
John Morris (20)
Diana Blomeke (20)
Cory Church (21)
Dick Hamm (21)
Archie Hendrick (22)
Elaine Feaser (22)
Diana Duly (23)
Rodger Hendrickson (23)
William Crouse (24)
Michael O'Laughlin (24)
Richard Thompson (24)
Mark Williams (24)
Hortense Stevenson (24)

POINSETTIAS GIVEN:

In Memory of Charles E. and Amelia E. Dare by Virginia Dare.

In Memory of her parents, Warren & Lula Jenkins by Bonnie Parrish.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
12-11-83

Joe Kramer, 3650 N. Washington Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chapin, 5630 Werling Dr.; Shelle Rorick, 13928 Parent Rd., New Haven, IN; Julie Haugen, 2918 Canterbury Blvd.; Barbara & Amy Godson, 2500 Bending Willow Dr., Kettering, OH.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER CONTINUED

Don Wiltfong (24)
Susan Watson (25)
Suzette Lowenstein (25)
Jeanne Norman (25)

SERVING DECEMBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Al Creager

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, E. Snouffer-
NW, K. Rogers, J. Kelly
10:45 A.M. W. Johnson-SW, J. Ohneck-
NW, J. Stucky-SE, L. Finkhousen-NE,
R. Flickinger, E. Klepfer, S. Kncukles,
E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. W. Westerfield, H. Steven-
son, K. Mory, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Devera & Glenn Harter
10:45 A.M. Edna & Harold Nordblom

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Doug & Karen Rogers
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Pauley - J. Hendricks
R. Church - K. Flickinger
V. Taylor - M. Callahan
L. York - G. Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Ken Place & Johnson's

ACOLYTES

Eric Krull & Scott Creager

BUS DRIVER

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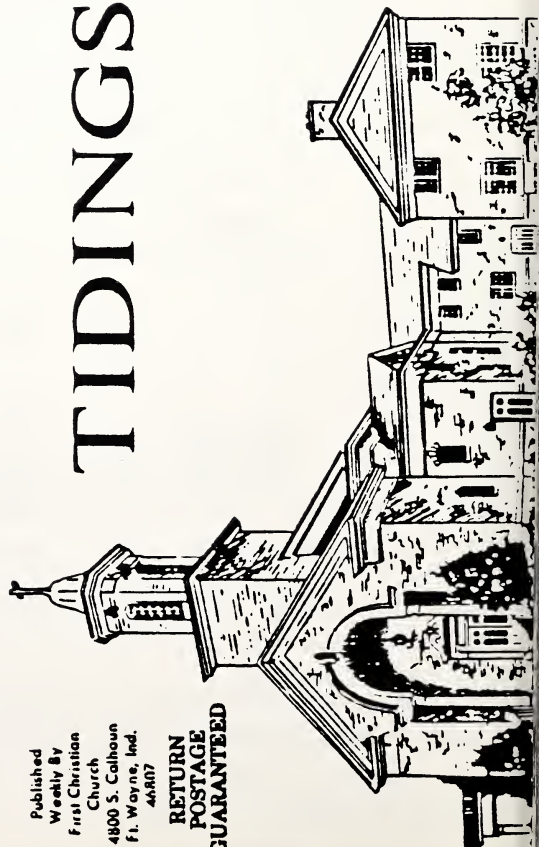
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CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY
7:00 P.M. FAMILY SERVICE, Presented by C.Y.F.
11:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP - SUNDAY
ONE SERVICE - 10:15 A.M.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Bring friends and kin to these services!

PRAYER SEMINAR JANUARY 8 - 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

On Sunday, January 8, our pastors will offer a one session seminar on prayer. This is one event every member should strive to attend! This seminar will help us all to be more effective prayers and Christians! Guests welcome, too.

DECEMBER - LAST MONTH OF 1983

In order to receive 1983 tax credit, gifts to the church must be in the office by noon, December 31. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 1983

Our offering will support mission work in 54 countries as well as work in the United States such as Cleveland Children's Home, and Emily Flinn Home. Envelopes are in the pews or you may mail a designated gift to the office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

There will be no Men's Breakfast on December 28. The group will meet again beginning January 11.

POINSETTIAS

Bill & Hazel Crouse gave a poinsettia in honor of Bill & Mamie Caldwell.

Thanks to all who brightened our sanctuary in this way!

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2!

CYF and CHI RHO will meet next on January 8.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Family Service, Presented by C.Y.F.
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:15 A.M. One Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-18-83

Josie Quick, Zionsville, In;
Scott A. Magyar, Sterling Heights, MI;
Douglas Allen, Sterling Heights, MI;
Sherie Sonnenberg, Warren, MI;
Kris Byers, Mt. Prospect, ILL;
Dave Rumsey, Joliet, ILL;
Ralph James Taylor, New Orleans, LA.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 26-Jan. 2

Carolyn Falbe (26)
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Michele Reeves (27)
John Flickinger (27)
John Mathis (28)
Steven Powell (28)
Sarah Smith (28)
Jack Bickel (29)
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FROM PARSON TO PERSON:

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed how a major snow storm throws everyone together, bringing out the best in us and creating a real sense of community? Christmas has something of that same effect. We all enjoy the feeling of community and wish it could be year round (the feeling of community, not the snow).

I guess the work of the church, in part, is to help God bring the world to a point where we do experience true community year round without the need for a catalyst like adversity or holidays.

See you Saturday and Sunday. May God grant you the richest experience of Christmas.

Love,

Dick

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

The following persons have sent one card to the congregation as their Christmas Greeting. The cards are displayed on banners in the Narthex:

Hazel & Bill Crouse; Jackie Keller; August Mueller; Delores and Scott Keebortz; Mildred and Carl Linn; Carole Overmyer; Fred & Rychie Smell; Earl & Reba Fusselman; Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm; Gini & Ennis Brown; Beulah Timmons; Ben, Val & Larry Taylor; The Jerry Zimmerman Family; Miriam Bixenman; Peggy Buskirk; Gwynth Rice; Mary Cook; Art & Florence Huddleston; Clover & Lucille Branstrator; Franklin & Rachael McGuire; Walter Bowen; Lozier & Betty Ziegler; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Mary Wilhelm; Phyllis Tobias; Charlene Craig; The Wyant Family, Bill, Nancy & Shannon; Helen Clymore, Hazel Cleaver; Gladys Hoop; Henry & Ethel Flow-ers; Leland & Mary Higgins; Grace Truby; Glenn & Lola Miller; Bill & Joan Franklin; Ethel M. Birkhold; George, Sara, Tammy & Jimmy Davis; Jack & Janet Weicker; Mike, Pat, Sara & Steven Mullen; Troy & Evelyn Yeoman; Judy & Ralph Church; Andy Cook; Jim, Becky & Jeremy Stucky; The Sauerweins; Mr. & Mrs. Bill DeVinney; Margaret & Bill Love; Harold & Evelyn Crowder & Family; Bette & Jack Jones; Margaret & Bert Leversee; Edna & Harold Nordblom; Fern Kenline; Andy, Jennie & Jill Benny.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In the first Chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Mary is greeted by the angel Gabriel with these words: "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!....Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God".

(Luke 1:28, 30)

When we read these greetings, we usually take them to mean that, out of all the Jewish maidens God could have chosen to bear the Christ, Mary was chosen because she was the best, most pious Jewish girl in the neighborhood.

She might have been, but actually that is quite beside the point. The word "Favor" is the same word as grace. Jesus was coming to Mary as an act of God's grace; she was privileged, but not by her own worthiness. She was privileged by the free gift of God.

Christ comes to each of us under the same conditions. He, and the salvation he brought, comes to us by the grace of God. At this Christmas season, let us rejoice and celebrate this gift of God, his Good News in Jesus Christ, which has come to us.

Don

Dr. Hamm will be out of town December 27 - January 6. Rev. Wiltfong will be available, of course.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group
6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 3-9

Marvin Roseberry (3)
Scott Johnson (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Patricia Campbell (4)
Ardith Wrisk (4)
Linda Wiley (4)
Larry Taylor (4)
Bill Caldwell (5)
Milas Driver (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Sara Mullen (6)
Kenny Taylor (6)
Jim Heiney (8)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Mike Callahan (8)
Julius L. Clausen (9)

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CHI RHO and CYF youth groups will next meet at 5:30, January 8.

BASIC BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME: Part II

The entire New Testament, as well as most of the Old Testament Prophets, will be covered in the second half of our Basic Bible Study Class. Classes will start Wednesday, January 11, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All are invited to join us!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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Mrs. Ruth Stucky, Rt. 2, La-Grange, IN; Doris Walton, 5214-3 Old Faugrounds, Laurence, IN.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Ruby Mowery; Al & Susan Creager, Steve, Tanya, Shannon & Scott; Bill & Anna Taylor; Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward; Earl & Ruth Plummer; George & Virginia Bruckman.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What more important skill could there be for Christians than prayer? Yet, like many of the spiritual disciplines, we have a hard time taking time to pray and, frankly, many of us do not really know how to pray in any but the shallowest way. All of us could do to have another look at the matter.

For this reason, Don and I are offering a Prayer Seminar, January 8, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. This is one event that every member should seek to attend! I am sure you will find the seminar helpful and enjoyable. Please plan to attend. We will be beginning a regular prayer service on Sunday evenings beginning January 15, but even if you do not choose to participate in that, the seminar will be useful to you. Visitors are welcome, of course.

As you read this, my family and I are at my parents' home for several days. I hope you had a delightful Christmas and that you are entering the new year with a heightened sense of God's love and presence in your life. Happy new year!

See you Sunday, the 8th.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

New years. A time for looking back, and looking forward at the same time.

Some years I can make the transition without any trouble. Other years I spend half of January correcting everything I date. I suppose either I don't want to lose all of the good things that have happened during the previous year, or else I am being dragged into a new year I'm not too sure about!

Whether the transition is easy or not, the new year comes upon us anyway. The old year, having formed our situation is still real to us. The new year is with us to, calling us to new tasks, new situations, great and small, important and trivial. And our memories and our hopes helps the best of both past and future to bring us joy and meaning in the present moment.

Beth and I would like to thank you for the many ways you have expressed your love to us in this holiday season. We are grateful for being a part of the church family at First Christian during this our first Christmas in Fort Wayne.

Don

SERVING JANUARY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, B. Grimm-
NW, J. Ohneck, V. Brown

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, M. Cal-
lahan-NW, M. Mullen-SE, S. Knuckles-
NE, N. Lucas, M. Crouse, E. Conrad,
W. Westerfield

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wester-
field, B. Haines, S. Creager

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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D. Keebortz - M. Finkhousen

A. Creager - J. Briggs

S. Hayes - T. York

J. Church - J. Hendricks

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eric Zimmerman & John Ohneck

ACOLYTES

Krista Rogers & Sara Mullen

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jim Stucky

10:45 A.M. Laura York

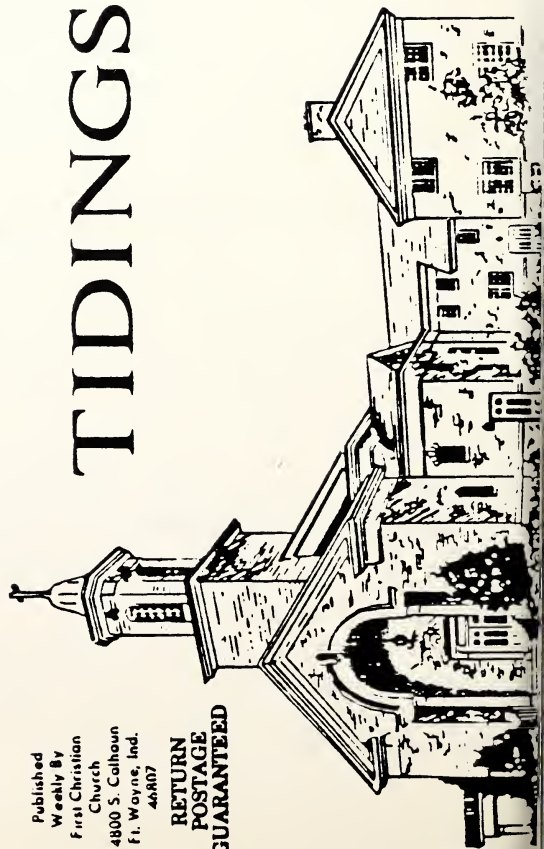
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